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Lions Brings Harlem Ambassadors to ORR

By Jean Perry

Put the Mattapoisett Lions Club together with the Harlem Ambassadors and the outcome can only be positive. When a local organization of volunteers that raises money to assist community members in need teams up with comedy-basketball players performing stunts and slam dunks, what you get is a win-win situation – what they do is put the "fun" in fundraising.

On April 4 at 7:00 pm, the Harlem Ambassadors will make their fifth annual appearance at the Old Rochester Regional High School gymnasium for a night of "slam-dunks and smiles." The Harlem Ambassadors will be taking on the "Tri-Town Trotters," a team of teachers from all three towns – some with basketball experience, and some without.

Mattapoisett Lions Club President Donald Bamberger said it is more a basketball show than a basketball game.

"The Harlem Ambassadors are a group of very talented people," said Bamberger. "They have a very good theme about staying in school and staying off drugs."

All the proceeds from the game will go to the Rochester and Mattapoisett Lions Clubs and stay within the community to financially assist the residents who need it most.

Bamberger said the Lions Club's recently provided financial assistance to two disabled residents to build an access ramp for their houses. The Lions Club also assisted one of the residents with the labor to construct the ramp.

"The Lions can't do anything without the support of the community," said Bamberger. "It's the community that helps us to do what we can to help others."

The Lions Club hosts events like the Harlem Ambassadors game and, among other things, Mattapoisett Harbor days which, last year, was hampered by bad weather, said Bamberger, which had an effect on the club's ability to serve others.

"Our little nest egg isn't as big as we hoped," said Bamberger.

Some of the proceeds will also go directly to students at ORR to participate in after-school extracurricular activities.

Tickets for the event cost $10 for adults and $8 for students, which will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance at www.brownpapertickets.com. What you get is access to the pre-game tailgate party outside at 5:30 pm when volunteers will serve hotdogs and hamburgers off the grill. The game starts at 7:00 pm and, later on, kids will be invited to join in and participate in a bunch of different activities on the court. There will also be a café set up at the far end of the gym.



On Tuesday night the American Legion and the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen honored Evelyn Pursley and Donald Fleming whose decades of service to the town and its residents span a total of 110 years. Photo by Marilou Newell

On the Cover: *Spectators can expect to see 50 high-flying slam dunks during a Harlem Ambassadors game. The Ambassadors will take on the Tri-Town Trotters, a team of local challengers, in a comedy basketball game hosted by the Mattapoisett & Rochester Lions Clubs Friday, April 4, at 7 p.m. at Old Rochester Regional High School.*

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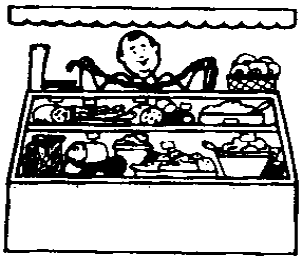
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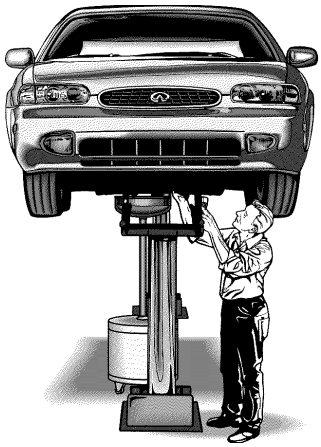
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Wareham Offers New Dual Enrollment to Tri-Town Students

By Jean Perry

Dual enrollment classes might not count towards a student's GPA at Old Rochester Regional High School, but they do at Wareham High School, a school choice school with a new partnership with Bridgewater State University that will give upperclassmen a head start in their secondary education.

In a March 17 press release, Wareham High School Principal Scott Palladino announced the new partnership with BSU, which will offer junior- and senior-year students a reduced-tuition cost per course as well as transportation to and from BSU.

The topic of dual enrollment courses counting as high school credits and being factored into the student's GPA came up recently at ORR when one concerned mother of an ORR student spoke out during a School Committee meeting. She said it was not fair that her son – a dual enrollment student – is ineligible to be school valedictorian and cannot speak at his graduation ceremony because his dual enrollment course credits are not applied to his high school GPA.

ORRHS Principal Michael Devoll recently made the final decision to keep the status quo and not integrate dual enrollment courses into the GPA. He stated that dual enrollment classes, of which 40 hours of class time are required, do not equate to the 120 class time hours



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"The outcome of participating in dual enrollment during both the junior and senior year can result in a student graduating from high school with as many credits as a sophomore in college," says Palladino in the press release.

In a phone interview, Palladino said the BSU dual enrollment project has been in the works for about a year and a half.

If a student takes four dual enrollment courses during junior and senior year at 12 credits per year, he or she gets the equivalent of a freshman year in college upon graduation. Dual enrollment courses are offered in all aspects of general education.

If they so choose, students from ORR could opt to enroll at Wareham High, because it is a school choice school.

"I know Mr. Devoll won't be happy, but…" said Palladino. As far as ORR students are concerned, "We'd certainly be happy to have them," Palladino said.

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Solar Farm #3 for Mattapoisett

By Marilou Newell

It seems that Mattapoisett is becoming the Tri-Town leader of the pack when it comes to commercial solar farms – Number Three is planned for Crystal Spring Road in the fall of 2014.

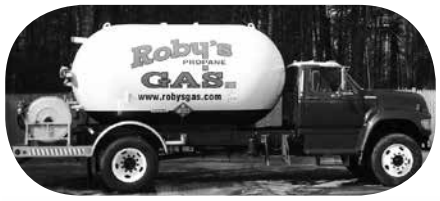
Blue Wave LLC, now a household name for many residents on North Street and Shady Oak Drive, invited abutters on Crystal Spring Road to the American Legion Hall on March 20 to hear their marketing presentation for their latest venture in town. It was the same presentation that they previously offered when a contingent of residents met with them last year regarding the Tinkham Hill Road site.

The highpoints – beyond their global footprint and depth of expertise in all aspects of solar energy production – are that they are a stand-up company that will only bring in partners that can support the project economically (Sun Edison is their partner for the Tinkham Hill venture) and with the highest level of professional oversight required by the town and its residents. Representatives from Blue Wave shared that over the course of the approximately 90- day construction cycle, every effort will be made to minimize the impact on the abutters by using dust mitigation techniques and a truck tire wash-down process so that mud will not be spread across Crystal Spring Road. Post construction, the fencing that will enclose the solar farm will be camouflaged with native trees and other species, while inside the enclosure grasses will give it a meadow appearance.

Blue Wave again told the public that energy credits could be purchased by the town, but to date, Mattapoisett has not elected to do so. John DeVillars, president of the company, said that he didn't want to wade too deeply in the complicated topic of solar energy credits, but suffice it to say that Mattapoisett could enjoy some benefit from the energy that will be produced from this solar farm. That benefit, however, will not translate to lower energy bills for the residents of the town.

What the town will get, which is the same process they are following with the Tinkham Hill project, is a higher tax base over the course of the commercial project's lifetime and a payback in taxes from the last five years to the higher rate (presently the parcel is zoned as a farm

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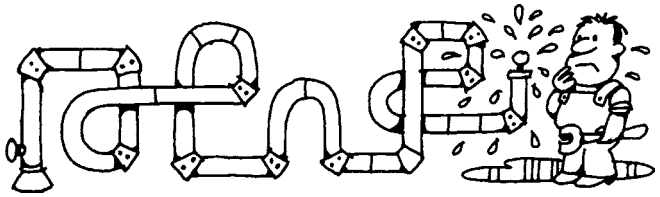


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and taxed at a lower rate). Residents also wanted to know what will happen to the site after the twenty-year rental agreement ends. DeVillars responded that they can either renew the lease and continue producing energy at the site, or remove the equipment to the satisfaction of the town. A fund with $100,000 will be held aside as surety.

Richard Charon, the local engineer working with Blue Wave, offered as an additional comment one that had previously been used, "… the land will eventually be developed for something which is the right of the owner … do you want a bunch of houses, people and traffic, or a quiet passive solar farm." The theme of solar farms as good neighbors was driven home.

The small turn out of only five homeowners didn't mean they weren't concerned for their homes and the homes of the neighbors not in attendance; to the contrary, their questions were direct and to the point. They wanted to know if their homes' values would decrease, if storm water runoff would flood their parcels, if they would be able to see the deforested acreage, and if safety was an issue with solar farms. Each question was answered fully and appeared to assuage their concerns.

While none of those in attendance were overly thrilled at the prospect of having a solar farm situated in their backyards, they seemed consigned to the reality that Blue Wave and its partners would meet all the town's regulations and move forward into construction.

The site selected for this latest commercial venture is not without challenges for the developers. One side of the 56-acre site is bordered by Interstate 195, which brings the State into the picture. Two other borders

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fall under wetlands protection, and the fourth borders approximately six residential lots. When completed, 20 acres will have 20,000 solar panels in place.

Blue Wave will meet with the conservation commission on Monday, March 24 at 6:30 pm. They propose to locate the solar farm into the bordering wetlands area and fill in some wetlands in an effort to keep the solar farm as far away as possible from the residential lots. The abutters were told to attend the conservation commission meeting to support that plan; otherwise, the solar array will have to be situated closer to their homes. Blue Wave will be working with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to mitigate animal habitat disruption and with DOT for permission to remove trees along Interstate 195. Due to the change in

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use of the parcel, they will also have to receive permission from the Zoning Board of Appeals. This land is owned by the Mahoney family, as is the Tinkham Hill Road site. Should the project receive the town's permissions, Mahoney will be renting the land to Blue Wave and its partners.

Selectmen Call Special Town Meeting

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Jean Perry

Selectmen called for a Special Town Meeting for May 19 at 6:45 pm, just before Rochester's Annual Town Meeting that same evening at 7:00 pm. Article submission deadline was set for Friday, April 10 so selectmen can review the articles at their April 14 meeting.

Town Administrator Richard LaCamera said only a few reserve fund transfers would likely appear on the Special Town Meeting warrant at this point.

Also during the meeting, LaCamera announced that a Tri-Town joint meeting of the Boards of Selectmen is scheduled for April 10 at 7:00 pm at the ORR High School media center room. LaCamera said the ORR School Committee would also be present at the meeting to discuss the investigation of the 2011 cyber-theft of over $100,000.

In other news, the ice and snow removal budget is up to $41,000 and is expected to climb with the anticipated Wednesday, March 26 snowstorm.

"It just isn't gonna end," said LaCamera. "It's really a little discouraging at this point."

Later, selectmen received a letter informing them that if the Town had adopted the Community Preservation Act and charged residents a CPA tax, the Town could have received another $27,000 in CPA funding in addition to the taxes collected. The $27,000 amount is based on the real estate transactions for 2013.

Selectmen announced a Rabies Clinic set for April 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 pm at the Rochester Grange located at 205 Hartley Road. The cost is $12 per shot. Dogs must be leashed, and cats must be confined in a transfer cage.

Selectman Naida Parker reminded residents that on April 9, the Rochester Annual Election Day, polls are open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm. Absentee ballots are already available at the Town Clerk's office, and the only two contested races are for the Board of Health and the Rochester School Committee.

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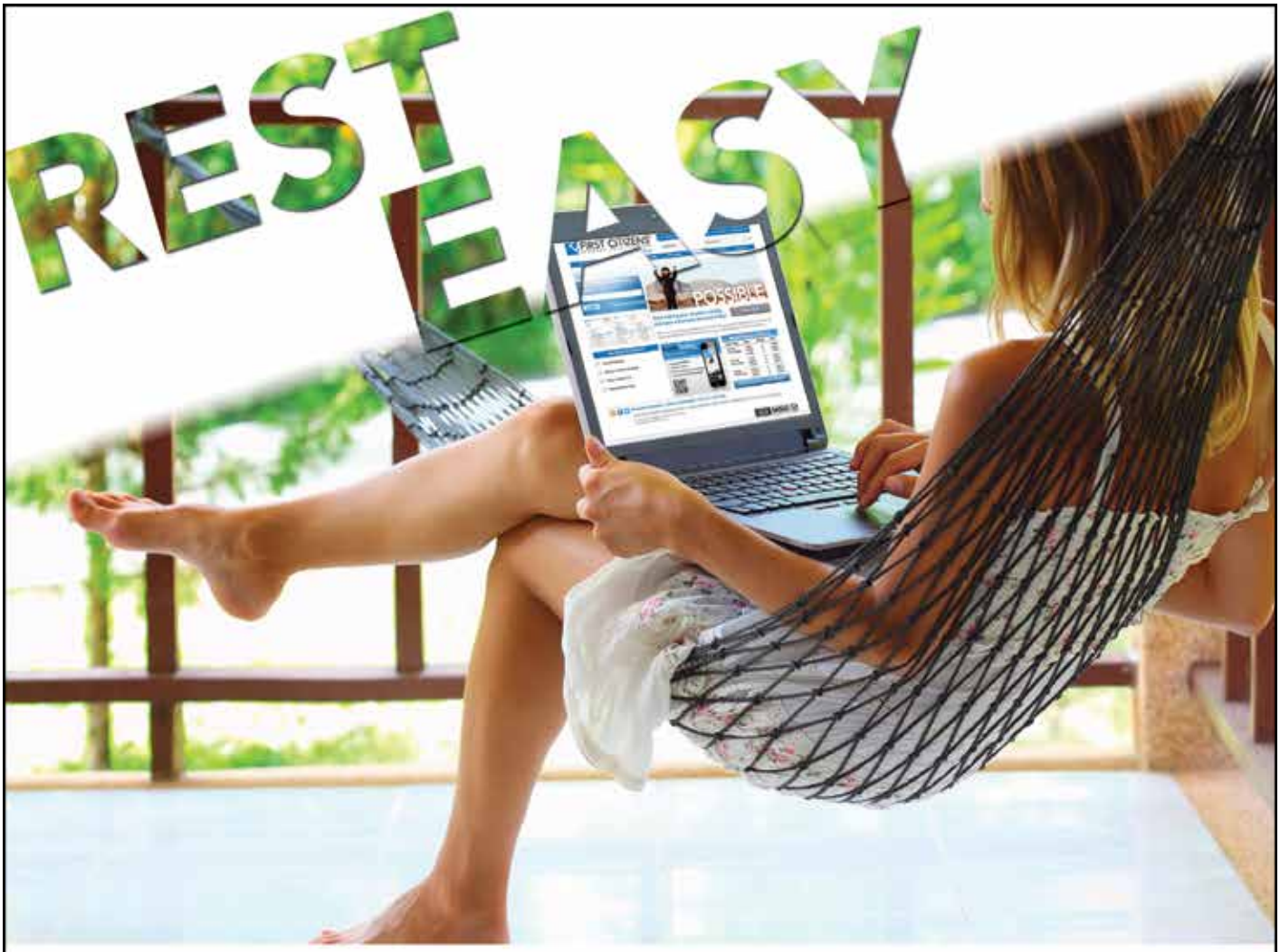
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The board also proclaimed April 8 "Equal Pay Day" in Rochester, joining the rest of the nation in bringing awareness to the disparity in wages for women in comparison with men.

The next public meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen will be **April 7** at 6:30 pm at Town Hall. The selectmen are meeting in executive session with the Finance Committee on March 31. No public meeting is scheduled for March 31.

Pursley and Fleming Honored

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

The American Legion and the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen honored Evelyn Pursley and Donald Fleming whose decades of service to the town and its residents span a total of 110 years. They were lauded for dedicating their lives to serving others through participation on various town boards and organizations as well as in their professional career paths. Pursley's service award was for 60 years, while Fleming's noted 50 years of service.

The Selectmen continued the evening's meeting by approving this summer's annual 4th of July Road Race. The race was begun in 1971 with the goal of raising as much money as possible for monetary awards to graduating students of ORRHS who have participated in the school's running programs. The 2013 road race supported 12 scholarships of $1,500 each and had 1,100 runners who finished the race.

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next on the agenda. Don Bamberger, Head Lion, said that his group was 'egg-cited' about the upcoming Easter event that will take place in Shipyard Park with the approval of the Selectmen. Approval was granted. (Watch for further details on both of these upcoming events.)

Next up was Highway Surveyor Barry Denham who met with the Selectmen to give his report and future plans for roadways throughout the town. He told them that 10.6 miles of road have been paved in the past eight years – 25% of the total roads in town at a cost of $3.5 million. When asked, Denham said that the town owns 44 miles of roads. Of all the roads that need attention now, he said that Eldorado, Bayberry (and its associated lanes) and Shady Oak Drive were in the worst condition. A contract for work on those roads is out for bid now, and the town has passed muster with the Conservation Commission allowing work to commence during the summer. He detailed roads throughout the community, sharing with the board the condition of each and every one and future plans for repairing them. In several instances, Denham said that his department would piggy-back with the water and sewer department's work, maximizing the opportunity to get everything done at one time. Regarding Pico Beach where a culvert is in need of repair, he said that grant money was being sought and that 25% of the engineering work and 75% of the permitting work was completed to date. He continued that another culvert located on Acushnet Road at Tinkham Pond was in desperate need of repair, but that the project is estimated to cost $500,000. His detailing continued as he discussed sidewalk work that will be done in the village



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area, and repair work for North Street from the overpass to the Rochester line using a new type of seal coating material. "If we don't do anything … we'll be in trouble …," Denham said of North Street. At the intersection of Brandt Island Road and Route 6, he was pleased to note that a long lost set of plans had been found so that the work of correcting the alignment of the intersection could now be completed at a cost of approximately $150,000.

Town Administrator Michael Gagne then gave his report. He asked that the board vote on the date and time of the spring town meeting. That was done and set for May 12 at 6:30 pm at ORRHS. He said that he wanted to impress upon the public that time was of the essence for submitting articles for the town warrant. He said anyone wanting to place something before the voters needed to get that information to his office no later than March 28.

Continuing, he said there had been one bid for the seasonal concession on the town wharf. Once again, The Ice Cream Slip – owned by Louise and Neil Vandal – will be serving food and ice cream throughout the summer season. Their singular winning bid was $2000.

The police department is pursuing grant funding for the purchase of additional AED's (portable defibrillators), Gagne said. The goal is to have one placed in both Center and Old Hammondtown Schools within easy reach of athletic spaces in those schools, as well as for police vehicles that presently do not have them as standard equipment.

Gagne asked the public to please share names of veterans in their families or of whom they may be aware so that their names may be added to the list of those

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noted and honored on plaques in town hall. He said it was surprisingly difficult to gather veterans' names but wanted to ensure no one was overlooked. He is also working with local veterans groups.

Closing out his report, he asked the Selectmen to send a letter of support to the Town of Marion as they begin the process of planning and building a bike path. They agreed with the request.

The Town Hall will be closed on April 21 in observance of Patriot's Day.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen will be **April 8** at 7:00 pm.

Deadline Passes for Marion Election Papers

By Jean Perry

A couple of last-minute candidates returned nomination papers before the deadline passed on March 24, and voters can anticipate three contested races: Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and Marion School Committee.

W. Dale Jones is running against incumbent Selectman Stephen Cushing in the race for Board of Selectmen. Jones ran for Selectman in 2013, but lost to

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current Selectman Jonathan Henry. Cushing is seeking his fourth term as selectman.

There are four candidates vying for three seats on the Planning Board, with only one incumbent, Edwin North. Running against North are Michael Popitz, Robert Lane, and Eileen Marum.

Two incumbents running for the Marion School Committee, Michelle Ouellette and Christine Winters, have been joined by Kate Ellen Houdelette to make this a contested race. Houdelette pulled papers on March 12 and returned them on March 21 in time for the deadline.

Tree Warden Timothy Crowley is not running for reelection, and no candidates have filed nomination papers with the town clerk. Stephen Curtis Gonsalves pulled papers on March 18, but did not return to file them.

The candidates for the remaining elected positions are incumbents running uncontested. These candidates are Ray Pickles for town clerk, Catherine Gibbs for assessor, David Titus for moderator, Elizabeth Dunn for Board of Health, Paul Goulet Jr. for Old Rochester Regional School Committee, and Joseph Keogh and Jeffrey Oakes for the two slots on the Open Space Acquisition Commission.

Election Day is Friday, **May 16** and the polls are open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

FinCom Member Questions EMS's "Funky" Accounting

Mattapoisett Finance Committee

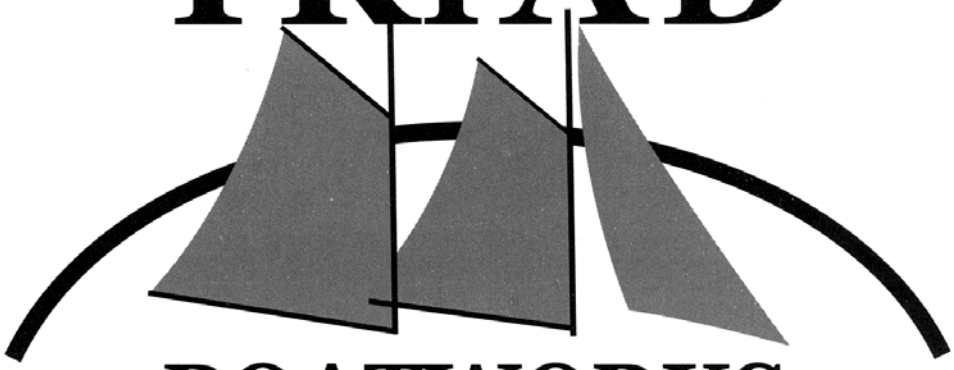
By Jean Perry

He did not have a problem with Police Chief Mary Lyons' fiscal year 2015 budget per se, but he did have a problem with the way the Police Department's bookkeeper has been appropriating (or, rather, not appropriating) expenditures to their proper line items.

Mattapoisett Finance Committee Member Gary Johnson appeared physically uncomfortable while

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discussing Lyons' ambulance budget. His brow furrowed with Chief Lyons' casual response to his question about why the department's FY14 ambulance "medical supplies and equipment" line item was almost depleted, while the ambulance "equipment" line item of $13,900 has not yet even been touched.

"[That's the] secretary," said Lyons. "She doesn't always know what all the equipment is." She then implied that it is not the line item that is really important. "It comes down to the bottom line, not the line item," said Lyons.

FinCom Member Elizabeth Pennington suggested just getting rid of one of the line items and lumping them both together.

"Why have that extra level of difficulty?" asked Chairman Patricia Donoghue, concurring with Pennington. "It's just a pain in the butt."

"Like Mary said, it comes down to the bottom line," said Town Administrator Michael Gagne, also concurring. He said it all came down to the secretary. "It's a guess," he added.

Johnson's face looked visibly pained.

"Is [the equipment expended] going to be used for more than a year?" asked Johnson, trying to differentiate between ambulance equipment and medical supplies and equipment.

Lyons said some orders include supplies and equipment from both categories on the same invoice, so the entire invoice gets appropriated to the same line item, regardless.

"What are these, low I.Q. people?" asked Donoghue. "I mean, you can't explain it to them?" Donoghue asked Lyons.

Well, the numbers in town government are not as clear-cut as corporations, Lyons replied.

"Are these the right amounts to be allocated?" asked Johnson, referring to the $13,800 supplies line item from FY14 still untouched, while Lyons is requesting

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$15,000 for the line item in FY15.

Gagne said he would ask for a FY13 report to answer Johnson's question.

Johnson's face remained the same for the rest of the discussion, which turned to the police budget and the salary-related line items, like part-time wages, which prompted a gasp, a "whoa," and a swear word from Donoghue.

"I know you're having a heart attack over the part-time wages, but let me explain," said Lyons.

She said that when an officer takes a vacation or a sick day, the full-time officers have first right of refusal for covering the shift. If no one takes it, it is offered to the part-timers.

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increase, Lyons said the holiday coverage line item is down $58,000 because she lumped some of it in with the part-time line item, contributing to the increase in that line item.

Some more "funky" accounting, as Gagne put it, came up during the discussion when Donoghue said she did not understand why the FY14 "career incentive" line item remains unexpended, although Lyons explained that the officers' career incentive pay is added to their paychecks all throughout the year. It was presumed that this way of appropriating was easier for the one doing the bookkeeping.

Johnson said he thought the bookkeeper should at least make the correct appropriations every quarter throughout the year.

There was further discussion on differential rates, the extra $1.20 per hour paid to officers who work the second and third shifts, and the annual increases in pay. Also, one new cruiser is added to the budget every year, and Lyons stated that Mattapoisett is moving toward eventually replacing all its cruisers with Chevy Tahoes.

The total for the police budget for FY15 is $1,930,823, up $162,523 from FY14.

Also during the meeting, Superintendent of Schools Doug White and School Committee Chairman Jim Higgins presented the Mattapoisett schools' budget, with White staying behind to go over the Old Rochester Regional High School budget.

Before budget talks, Pennington brought up the ORR cyber-theft incident, just to acknowledge that Gagne had sent White a number of questions about the theft and to recognize that perhaps White could not yet discuss the matter if it was an on-going investigation. The Tri-Town selectmen along with the three FinComs are looking to meet with the School Department in the foreseeable future.

White listened but said nothing, turning to the budget and summarizing the line items.

The school budget is up $109,770, or 1.8%, from last year, due mainly to salary and other contractual obligations.

The Bristol County Agricultural Technical Vocational High School numbers are also going up, with White explaining that tuition has increased to $18,000 per student, and three more students – for a total of eight – will be attending Bristol Aggie next year.

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Special education spending is down significantly, although the out-of-district line item is most likely underfunded in the FY15 budget, according to White. He said he had received word that a new student with significant educational needs would be moving to the district, but the student has still not moved to Mattapoisett. That does not mean the student will not, though, so White based the budget on the actual students, not possible future ones.

"This is not where I'm going to torture you," said Donoghue to White, who smiled with a puzzled look on his face. "It's ORR," she said.

The ORR FY15 budget stands at $16,567,868 as proposed by the School Committee. Take out the debt and reimbursement for transportation, said White, along with Chapter 70 state funding and income from revenue sources, and the total number to be split among the three towns amounts to $12,149,171. Of this, Mattapoisett's share is $4,470,450 – a decrease of $105,175 from FY14. Rochester's and Marion's assessments both went up from FY14.

White explained that each of the three towns pays above and beyond the State's minimum requirement for the regional school.

Johnson said he would wager that most Mattapoisett residents are unaware that the Town spends above the State's required minimum.

"I don't think most of the people in this town even know what the budget is," added Pennington.

There were some concerns about ORR's dwindling reserve fund and unfunded liabilities such

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Gagne stressed that ORR needs to build up its reserve, as hard as it may be to do so.

The next Mattapoisett Finance Committee meeting is on **March 27** at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.

Prioritization is Cap Plan's Job

Mattapoisett Capital Planning

By Marilou Newell

As Mattapoisett's Capital Planning Committee continues its work of meeting with various town departments to review their 2016 needs and the five-year plan, Chairman Chuck McCullough explained the task of the committee. He said that after the committee completes all departmental financial reviews, the members will then debate the prioritization of each line item request. The committee members are: Alan Apperson (member-at-large); Jeremy Collier (banking); John DeCosta (recreation); Jim Muse (schools); Ellen Driscoll (member-at-large); and Chuck McCullough (Chairman and member-at-large). There is one open position that would represent construction. Town Administrator Michael Gagne frequently attends these meeting to shed light on the work of the Finance Committee and to discuss the merits of each departmental budget submission.

Once the Capital Planning committee achieves a consensus on which expenses are most critical, based on the submissions they have received and the justifications offered by department heads, they'll meet with the Finance Committee to present their findings. In partnership, the two committees will finalize the process and then pass their report along for the Selectmen's review. The Board of Selectmen will then prepare the warrant that includes the expenses needed to run the town. At Town Meeting, it will be the voters who will decide the final fate of each financial request. Capital Planning reviews all requests over $10,000 and sometimes elects to have a request moved to a departmental budget versus an annual capital request.

Recently, such an expense was discussed when the committee met with members of the local schools whose turn it was to discuss their needs. Ryan Magee presented the technology needs of Center and Old Hammondtown Schools. Magee said that system/network upgrades are ongoing and needed before iPad carts could be used in the schools. These carts are similar

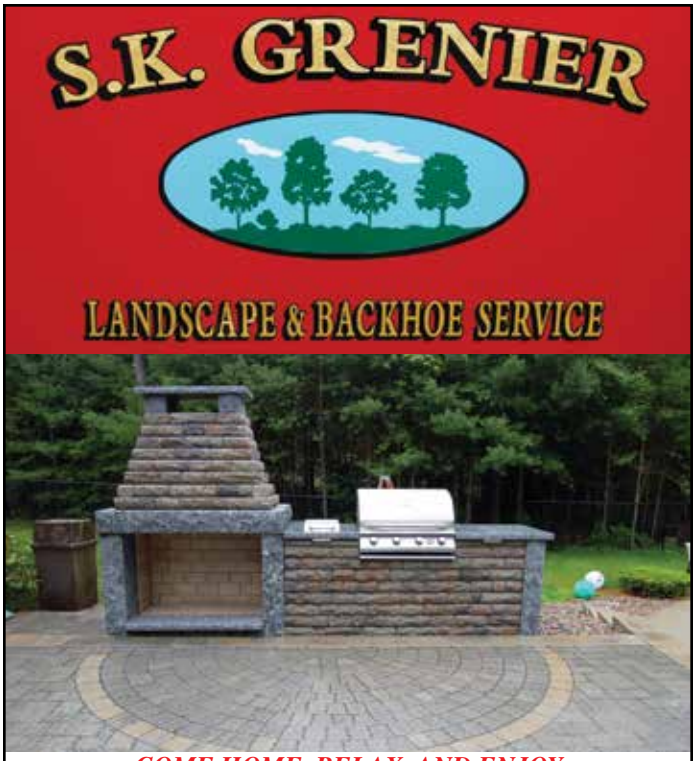


to those currently used in other industries such as medical facilities where mobile units bring the computer into a space versus having the computer in a fixed location. Such technology requires wireless conductivity.

Network systems upgrades were viewed by the committee as capital expenses, while equipment (computers) were viewed as a school budget line item since those are typically replaced with greater regularity.

It was further noted that in coming years, books will be replaced with computers and although this isn't happening now, it is on the horizon. Muse told the group that with the arrival of new standardized testing (PARCC – Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers), schools will need to have wireless computer capabilities since the majority of the program's curriculum is internet based. The new math portion comes with a price tag of $7,000 per class for kindergarten through sixth grades.

The facilities portion of the schools' capital funding needs was also discussed with Gene Jones, who heads up this department. Jones needs funds to replace the roof over the kitchen area at Old Hammondtown School. Replacement flooring for deteriorating floor tiles is also needed at this school, along with playground renovations that are mandated by Federal regulations. He said that the rubberized surface in the playground is in very bad condition, but has lasted long beyond its five-year warranty. He expects to have cost estimates in the coming days. Security camera upgrades were also discussed as a necessity with costs estimated around $26,000. It is planned that in the future, the schools'



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security systems will be tied to the police department system for improved safety.

Mattapoisett Library Director Susan Pizzolato was next. She was disappointed to deliver the news that the windows in the new library building are failing at an alarming rate. "It's a shame, but they need to be fixed," Pizzolato stated. She added that between increased utility bills and rotting from water intrusion, the windows were a top priority. She estimated that presently 17 windows need to be fixed for an estimated cost of $6,446. Pizzolato also has a generator on her wish list, saying that during a storm emergency she would like the library to be more serviceable to the community. This brought up the fact that the library in is a flood zone area further necessitating a generator to run pumps that would push out storm water. The projected cost of the generator is $49,000.

Before the committee wrapped up business for the evening, Gagne said that Fire Chief Andrew Murray had received updated figures for a new fire station. The new figure was $3.5 million. He said that an exploratory committee is being formed to research a new fire department building and the needs of town hall. Continuing, he said that this committee will investigate the merits of ongoing repairs to the town hall on Main Street or building a new one. There have been some conversations about bringing both the fire department and town hall offices to property located adjacent to the police station, property that the town already owns. "We've talked about sharing meeting spaces in a combined building," Gagne stated.

The Capital Planning Committee meets again on Wednesday, **March 26** at 6:00 pm. They are scheduled to meet with the harbormaster, recreation director, and with Gagne.

Shawmut Now One Step Away

Rochester Planning Board

By Nick Walecka

Only one hurdle remains for Shawmut Associates in their request to add onto an existing recycling facility at 50 Cranberry Highway in Rochester.

Rochester Planning Board officials decided Tuesday to end a lengthy, ongoing public hearing that has lasted several months and has seen a list of amendments to the original set of plans for the site. Thirty conditions that have been added onto those plans will be voted on at

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the next meeting of the Board, which will be the final step for Shawmut.

Board Chairman Arnold Johnson said that a Draft Site Plan Review and peer review from town engineer Kenny Motta had just come in that afternoon, and that they were still waiting on Town Counsel Blair Bailey's final decision. Overall, Johnson said, the plans seem ready to be approved.

"We're still waiting for comments from Town Counsel as well, as we want to make sure you guys are fine with that decision," said Johnson to Peter Flood of Green Seal Environmental on behalf of Shawmut Associates."

"I think everybody's fine with that," said Flood.

Johnson added that he would like to see some

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signage at a particular bay that he said didn't have enough room for tractor-trailer trucks to easily maneuver without damaging an area that could eventually erode land near wetlands on the site.

"The wetlands aren't that far away, so you don't want to get too close," he said.

Johnson added that Motta had said that everything was looking good as far as the plans were concerned, and that he should have his final draft decision over soon.

Solar By-Law Amendment Discussed

Marion Planning Board

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

What appeared to be a clarification of the Table of Principal Uses (similar to a Table of Contents) in the Solar By-Law opened a lengthy and spirited discussion on possible additional amendments to the by-law. Members of the Marion Planning Board and two from the Marion Energy Management Committee commented on the proposed amendment at the Tuesday morning meeting.

The Planning Board proposed an article to be placed on the warrant for spring town meeting to amend Section 4.2 of the zoning by-law to clarify the Table of Principal Uses to make it easier for residents and other interested parties to find what they are looking for within the many pages of the Solar By-Law. The Special Planning Board meeting was held because the warrant is expected to be closed for further amendments by the end of the week.

Member Ted North presented a revised version

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of the Table of Principal Uses with a chart outlining which type of solar system was permitted within the various zoning districts in town.

The board discussed the public notice published in *The Wanderer* for the April 7, 2014 Planning Board meeting which, some members felt, was not as clear as it could have been in explaining what was to be discussed. After much discussion, the board agreed to republish the meeting notice with the additional information.

Town Administrator Paul Dawson weighed in on the discussion and said "there is no law that says that verbatim text be published." Secretary Terri Santo spoke up and said that all the notices state that the public is invited to come into the Town House and view all documents and ask questions about upcoming meetings.

After much discussion, the board voted to present two Tables of Principal Uses to the public at town meeting including the one published in the meeting notice and the one presented by Ted North. It was unclear if the two amendments would be combined in one warrant article.

A public hearing on the issue is scheduled for **April 7** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

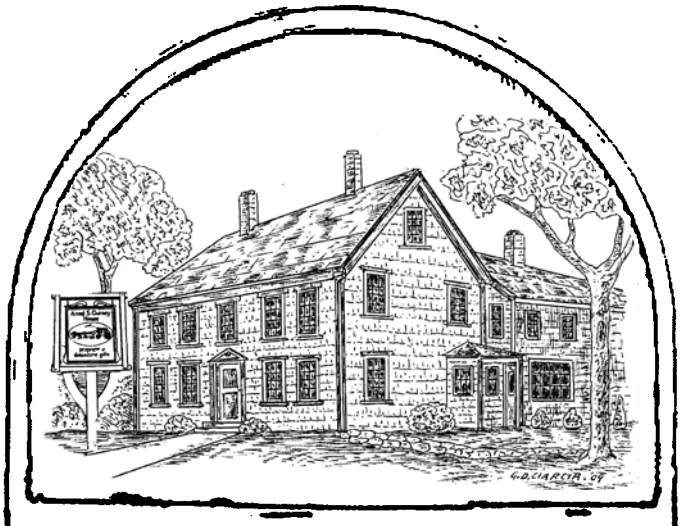
Next up the board voted to accept, with minor changes, the new zoning map of the Town of Marion. John Rockwell presented his final draft and the board made a few minor changes.

The map includes seventeen districts including: Residence A; Residence B; Residence C; Residence D; Residence E; General Business; Marine Business; Limited Industrial; Limited Business; Flood Hazard District; Water Supply Protection District; Aquifer Protection District; Open Space Development District; Surface Water District; Wireless Communications Facilities Overlay District; Sippican River Overlay District; and a Municipal Solar Overlay District.

The acceptance of the map will be voted upon at town meeting in May and if approved, forwarded to the Attorney General's office as required.

The pdf file of the map will soon be available to the public on the town web site and on the Planning Board section of the site.

"Thank you John, for all your work and effort on the town's behalf," said Chairman Pat McArdle. The board thanked Mr. Rockwell for his hours of service on the project.



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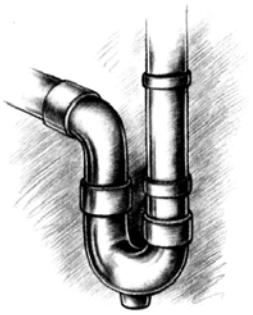
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Abutters Question ConCom on Solar Farm

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

Crystal Spring Road residents came out to hear how the Conservation Commission would handle wetland issues at the latest site planned for solar harvesting in Mattapoisett. Blue Wave LLC was fully prepared for and aware of abutter concerns and the need to address ConCom questions. Local engineer Rich Charon did most of the speaking as he laid out the scope of the project, storm water remediation, wildlife displacement, and construction cycle site conditions. Aidan Foley, Senior Director at Blue Wave gave a high-level overview of the company and their commitment to be good neighbors before, during and after the

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construction of Mattapoisett's third solar farm project. Yet the abutters and neighbors in attendance still had questions and Chairman Peter Newton was not pleased.

While noting that his job was to enforce the wetlands protection act and various other environmental regulatory rules, Newton was also displeased to hear that trees along Interstate 195 would be removed. "Twenty acres of solar panels … that's the introduction to our town … that's what our town is becoming," he stated. Charon said that yes, trees would be removed along that boundary but the entire site would not be exposed on that side.

Judy Mooney, whose property abuts the project asked, "Is this a done deal?" She continued, "That is a lot of woods you are getting rid of, it's really close to my house … but, my issue is taking down all those trees, go to the dump, I don't mind you going there…"

Nancy Gauvin, also an abutter, asked if there was anyone who was really going to make sure the animals were protected and if Blue Wave would be building on the other side of the utility power lines as well. Foley said that they are looking at other suitable locations in Mattapoisett and throughout the area for more solar farm developments.

Tom Hanks, another Crystal Springs resident, asked, "Are we being preyed on because we don't have any protection?" Chairman Newton responded, "If I was in business, I'd go wherever it's easiest." Andy Bobola, Director of Inspectional Services, said that the Planning Board is reviewing by-laws and suggested approaching them on developing by-laws for this type of business activity.

Several residents spoke up about the issue of water. Storm water runoff due to deforestation was questioned. Charon said that the same amount of water would fall, but how it was recharged into the ground or the speed of the flow were issues.

It was noted that given that the site borders

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wetlands on two sides, there are numerous issues for ConCom to consider – more than a part-time department could handle. It was decided that Blue Wave would fund outside peer review so that issues of wetlands, wildlife and storm water management could be professionally evaluated. The application was continued until April 28 to give the town and Blue Wave more time to gather environmental details.

Also coming before the commission was John Marvin, 14 Mechanic Street, with a request for determination of applicability to build an addition to the existing home. Represented by Jon Connell of Field Engineering, the commission heard that the construction will follow all FEMA guidelines for flood considerations. Marvin's application was approved.

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Richard Wells of 10 Woodland Avenue filed a notice of intent for the construction of a garage addition to the existing home located in a coastal flood plain and buffer zone. Charon Engineering represented the applicant. He told the commission the garage will be built with break-away partitions in compliance with FEMA requirements. The application was approved.

Stephany Hiller and Dan Wierich, 74 Aucoot Road, also came before the commission with a notice of intent to tear down the existing structure and build a new four-bedroom house with a garage, deck, and gravel driveway. The home will be built on stilts and have break-away panels. They have to go to the Board of Health and will be required to install a Title 5 compliant septic system. Their project was approved.

David Davignon of Schneider Engineering represented Jay Duker, 112 Aucoot Road, coming before the commission for continuation of their notice of intent to present updated plans which now include erosion



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control details, the installation of underground propane tanks, plantings along the wetlands delineation and that they have received a permit from the Board of Health. Satisfying all the questions the commission presented, the project was approved with standard orders of conditions.

Davignon then represented Daniel Oliver of 40 Water Street with a second round of amended order of conditions for the building of a pier. The project is now considerably downsized since DEP has extended eel grass beds in the same space. ConCom approved the new plans.

The last hearing of the evening was for the application filed by Mr. and Mrs. James Barron of 36 Water Street. They were petitioning for underground utilities, a balcony, and the building of a new garage. Abutters were concerned with storm water management,

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especially near the church. Ray Andrews of 49 Water Street said that he and his brother were both alarmed that a garage would be allowed on the lot but he was reminded by Newton that the commission was only concerned with wetland-related issues and not zoning issues. The commission approved the project with storm water management conditions, the installation of a water tight underground utility bunker and sewers and standard conditions.

Before adjourning, Bobola asked Newton if he could take a moment to express his deep appreciation to Tammy Ferreira who has been filling in at the ConCom office and during meetings of late, making it possible for that department to carry on the business of the town without missing a beat. He also thanked Conservation Agent Elizabeth Leidhold for going above and beyond the call of duty managing a great volume of work for the town and the ConCom office during this time as well. Everyone on the commission acknowledged those sentiments with sincere gratitude.

Mattapoisett's Conservation Commission meets again on **April 14** at 6:30 pm.

Zoning Board Continues Hearing

Mattapoisett Zoning Board of Appeals

By Marilou Newell

In what proved to be a bit of a sticky wicket, Mattapoisett's Zoning Board of Appeals continued the hearing of Mary Flaherty's application. Flaherty came before the ZBA to request permission to build a new home at 4 Woodlawn Avenue on a lot that is non-conforming.

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Carol Helliwell of 6 Woodlawn Avenue was the first to object, stating that the computer-generated rendition presented by Keller that demonstrates how the proposed home will fit into the neighborhood was misleading. She said that while the drawing makes it appear that there are empty lots between the homes, in reality the homes would only be 50 to 70 feet apart. But her bombshell moment was when she told the ZBA of lot line movements that occurred at the time she purchased her home from the Flaherty family. She said that at that time, a Form A involving the changing of existing lot lines had been enacted, challenging the applicant's right to use historic set-backs or a grandfathered lot. "This new home will loom over my house," she declared.

According to Andy Bobola, Director of Inspectional Services for the town, a Form A is the creation of a lot with frontage on an existing roadway. He told the board that his office had not uncovered any activity of this sort regarding these properties, but needed additional time to follow-up on Helliwell's assertion.

David Ross of 2 Woodlawn Avenue, whose property abuts the other side of the Flaherty's parcel, also objected to the construction of the new home. He said that the property has never been used as a residence; rather, it was always just a campsite used infrequently by the Flahertys. "They were only there once last summer," Ross stated. Although there is electricity going to the parcel, there are no other services.

Bobola suggested to the ZBA that they continue the hearing to give his office and other town offices an

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opportunity to research any Form A documentation filed with the town. Although it is rare that the ZBA continues a hearing, on this night they elected to do so in order to give the petitioner and the building department ample time to provide clarity in this matter.

Clearing all hurtles earlier in the evening, Denise Cassese received approval to build a new home on a site located on Harbor Road. This lot has not been built on previously and required permission for use of grandfathered frontage and setbacks. With no objections from the public, the application was unanimously approved.

The Mattapoisett ZBA meets again on **April 17** at 6:00 pm in the Town Hall meeting room.

The New Titans of Business

ORR Update

By Renae Reints

Last Thursday, one of Old Rochester Regional High School's five teams won first place at UMass Dartmouth's 1st annual Junior Achievement Titan Challenge. The winning team – seniors Zach Bowen, Kiernan Besse, and Jeremy Bare – were victorious against

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roughly fifty other teams from schools across southern Massachusetts. Each student on the winning team was awarded a $1,500 scholarship to the college of their choice.

The Junior Achievement Titan Challenge is an economics-based game in the form of a computer simulation. Teams are given a fake product to sell, and using their knowledge of the business world, they must make decisions in six main categories: cost, production, marketing, research and development, capital investment, and charitable donations.

"You had to find the right balance," said Emily Hyde, a senior at ORR and a participant in the Junior Achievement Titan Challenge. The team who found this balance was named the next titan of business.

Although Hyde and her partner, Curran Desjardens, didn't win first place, they were fairly successful throughout the challenge. The challenge was broken up into different rounds, with eight or nine teams playing against each other in each round, and Hyde and Desjardins were often in first place at the end of a round.

"At the end we would slip off a little bit because they would throw us a curveball," Hyde recalled, "but we never came in last, so it was really fun."

Before the day of the challenge, the students from ORR weren't entirely sure what to expect. The Junior Achievement organization had provided a study guide, but other than this slight aid, few of the ORR students did much preparation.

"Other schools had done a lot of prep work, and all we've done is this class," said Hyde, referring to her Honors Economics course with Erich Carroll, a social



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studies teacher at ORRHS.

Clearly, this course has been very influential. Zach Bowen, a member of the winning team, said he and his peers didn't prepare before the challenge. They figured out a strategy as they went along, recalling prior knowledge from economics class.

"I didn't really have any expectations going into it," Bowen admitted. He felt the odds were against them as they entered a room with fifty other teams. Still, Bowen's team was more prepared than he thought. When asked about what strategies they used, Bowen responded, "Well, we had Jeremy Bare; he's really good with stuff like that."

Each team at the Junior Achievement Titan Challenge was also given an adult mentor, someone with

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experience as a banker or economist. "Our mentor was a big help," said Bowen, "He gave us good ideas and good tips on what we should do and what we shouldn't do."

In the end, Bowen said "it was a good feeling" taking home a $1,500 scholarship victoriously.

Although she didn't win first place, Hyde said the Junior Achievement Titan Challenge was a great experience. She recalled the intensity of each round, as every student perched on the edge of their seat, then the cheers at the round's completion, when the winners of each round congratulated their teammates. Hyde said she would absolutely recommend the Junior Achievement Titan Challenge to any underclassman.

In other news, ORR's human rights club, Students Organizing Labor Equality (SOLE), held a small documentary showing after school last Thursday. The club showed the short film "The Dark Side of Chocolate."

"It's about child labor in the Ivory Coast [in Africa] which produces at least a third of the world's chocolate," said Lizzie MacLellan, President of SOLE.

While the documentary showing didn't have a huge turnout, there was a small gathering of potential club members there to watch the film and enjoy a selection of fair trade chocolate provided by SOLE. MacLellan said the film definitely impacted the viewers, and the group stayed a half hour later just discussing the issues brought to light by the documentary.

"We definitely want to do this again, actually advertise, and see what the turnout is then," said MacLellan.

At ORR, SOLE is mostly known for their presentations and awareness campaigns. The group has also donated shoes to kids in Haiti through the "Soles4Souls" campaign, and they've purchased fair trade soccer balls for the ORR boys' team in recent years.

MacLellan said SOLE's biggest obstacle has been getting people to listen, "but once they actually hear what's going on, they get as fired up about it as we are."

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Caribbean Studies Program

Tabor Academy News

By Julia O'Rourke

Every three years, about 100 Tabor students in small groups travel down to the island of St. John throughout the winter to document the endangered Elkhorn Coral in the bays of the island. The Caribbean

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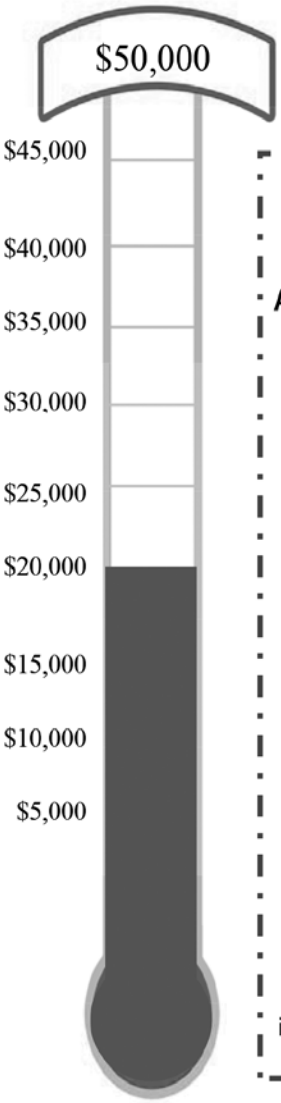
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There has been an 85% decline in the population of Elkhorn Coral in the Caribbean in the last 25 years due to storm damage and disease. This past winter, Tabor students inspected and recorded the health of the coral to further hypothesize the causes and effects of this declination in population. They specifically focused on water circulation patterns and how this may trap polluted water in the bays and contaminate the coral. Tabor's Caribbean Studies Program collaborates with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Virgin Islands National Park Service, and the U.S. Department of the Interior in order to further the effort to protect and save the Elkhorn.

Emily Chandler taught the preparation course for students involved in the program and was the on-board director for three of the cruises. Chandler finds that, "what makes the Caribbean Studies Program unique is it gives Tabor students the opportunity to conduct real scientific research and generate results that can have an immediate impact. For example, research from the 2005 program provided the NPS with the data necessary to put Elkhorn Coral on the protected species list. " With much success this past winter, more progress in the fight to save the Elkhorn is sure to be made.

While students spend the start of their trip practicing their snorkeling skills and learning about the history and culture of the Virgin Islands in the warm Caribbean sun, the end of each trip was spent solely

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doing hour-long research dives four or five times a day. Although students took a semester-long course to learn about the coral and research technique, the state of the coral was still shocking.

"It wasn't until I saw the coral reefs that I realized just how threatened the coral is," said Olivia Palombo, a junior who participated in the program.

The students worked in groups of three to examine the coral. One dove to look at the coral's diseases, another then recorded the findings on a PDA, while the third took photographs of the specific coral. This gave all of the students a very unique experience in doing actual fieldwork.

However, the students did more than just study the coral reefs. Each group used fluorescein dye to monitor the currents in the bays and used a PDA to track the patterns of their movement. Students also ran snap tests to examine the water chemistry and these showed that there were low concentration levels of nitrate, phosphate, dissolved oxygen, dissolved carbon dioxide, iron, and copper.

The students were onboard *SSV Tabor Boy*, Tabor Academy's schooner, with the crew during their time in the Caribbean. The schooner is a major part of Tabor Academy and the experience of students. Students sail *Tabor Boy* as an after-school activity in the fall and spring, and it is the site of weeklong summer orientation programs. *Tabor Boy* has had a big year, as 2014 marks the 100th birthday of the vessel.

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Spring Preview: Boys' and Girls' Track

ORR Sports Update

By Michael Kassabian

To the average onlooker, spring track may seem like the same thing as winter track. Like winter track, it is coached by the same veteran coaches, Cindy and Bill Tilden. Both feature some of ORR's most talented athletes. And in both winter and spring track, ORR also has a legacy of success.

But despite the similarities between the two seasons, they also have drastic differences. "Spring track is actually really different and separate from winter track," said senior girls' captain **Morgan DaSilva**. "A lot of kids from winter track go and participate in other sports, and we also get a lot of new athletes that didn't participate in winter. It's a different group of kids, so the team sometimes has to be readjusted to fit all of the different events."

DaSilva went on to explain the differences in events between the two seasons. "Winter track is really limited in field events: There is only high jump and shot put. In spring, you add long jump, triple jump, javelin, and discus, along with a few running events. It requires your team to be a lot more well-rounded, whereas in winter you can get by with less depth."

Unlike most teams, ORR does not need to worry about a lack of depth. With about 50 kids per team, the girls' and boys' have a good balance of jumpers, throwers, and runners. The boys will be led by hurdler **Kevin Saccone**, who is coming off a phenomenal winter season, where he placed highly in the state meet in both hurdles and long jump. **Colin Knapton** will lead the sprinters and javelin throwers, while **Chris Demers** and **Zach Tilden** will lead the middle-distance runners. The girls also seem to be very strong, with **Paige Santos**, **Zoe Smith**, and **Elexus Afonso** leading the jumps and hurdles while **Sammie Barrett** and **Emily Josephson** will lead the distance squad. **Ashley Pacheco** looks to be one of the Bulldogs' top throwers this season as well.

Both teams have also set lofty goals for the season. "Both the boys and the girls would really like to win the SCC," said senior captain Santos. "I know the boys won the championship two years ago, but lost last year, so they really want to take it back. The girls have won the spring SCC title for the past four years, so we'd really like to keep that streak going as well."

Santos admitted that winning the SCC will not be easy, especially with strong teams like Dighton-Rehoboth and GNB Voc-Tech in contention for the crown. But Santos felt that both teams have the potential to win, especially with the strong crop of newcomers.

"There's a lot of potential," Santos said of the

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Nancy earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Bridgewater State College, and taught for many years in the New Bedford and Wareham Public Schools. She was a member and former president of Kappa Delta Gamma. Nancy volunteered at Tobey Hospital in Wareham and was a member of the Tobey Guild.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Joannah O'Connor of Daniel Island, SC and her son Christopher Covillle and his wife Susan of Onset, MA.

Her Funeral Service was held on Saturday in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. Visiting hours were held on Friday. Burial was private. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the American Cancer Society 5 Manley St. West Bridgewater, MA 02379. For guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.ox 6050, New Bedford, MA 02742.



Madeline A. (Raffa) Brillon, 91, of Rochester, passed away on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at the New Bedford Healthcare Center. She was the wife of the late E. George Brillon.

Born in New Bedford, daughter of the late Nunzio and Nunziatta (Ferreira) Raffa, she had resided in Fairhaven for over 50 years before moving to Rochester.

Mrs. Brillon enjoyed playing piano and the time shared with her loving family, especially Sunday dinners at home.

Her family includes a son, Ted Brillon and his wife Brenda of Rochester; a daughter, Nancy Santos and her husband Stephen of Aiken, SC; four grandchildren, Shauna Cotton of Obion, TN, Nicole Enos and Sarah Horta of Rochester and Lauren Allain of Fairhaven; two sisters, Mary Caputo of New Bedford and Matilda "Tillie" Catterall of New Bedford and FL; two brothers, Tillo Raffa of New Bedford and Tony Raffa of Providence; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Celia Cox, Grace O'Melia, Genny Riccardi and Felix, John and Vincent Raffa.

Her Funeral Mass will be held on April 7, 2014 at 9AM at St. Mary's Church, Main St., Fairhaven. Visiting hours will be held on April 6, 2014 from 2-5PM at the Rock Funeral Home, 1285 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford. Please wear something blue in Madeline's memory.

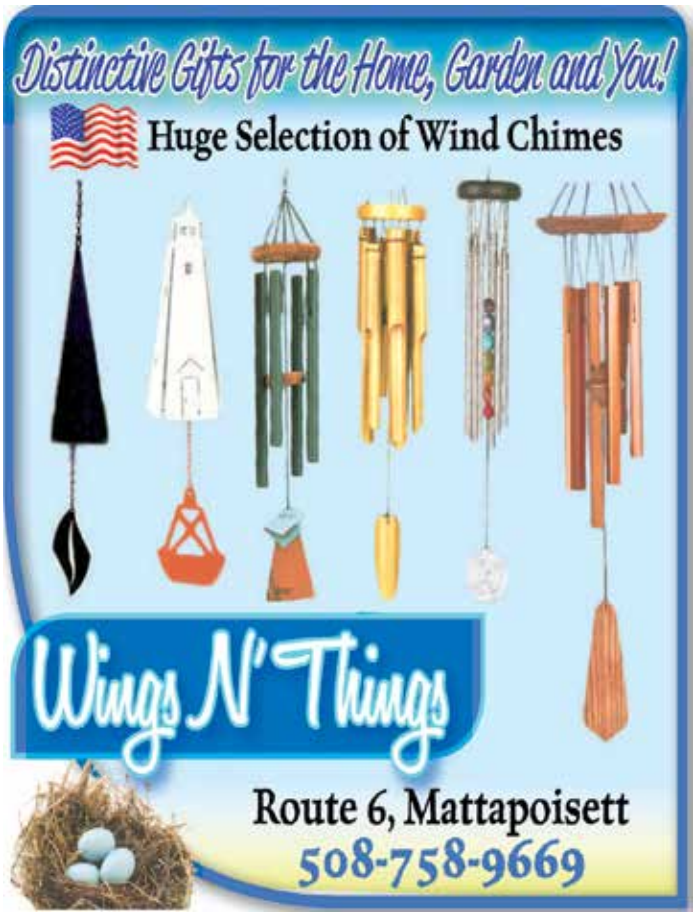
newcomers. "Learning how to use blocks and how to do certain events can be pretty challenging, but everyone has taken it really well and we're getting in the swing of things."

Freshman hurdler **Eli Spevack**, senior sprinter **Jack Smith**, and senior thrower **Jesse Noonan** were among the first-time spring athletes Santos mentioned. For the girls, Santos said that senior **Abby Adams** and freshmen **Hannah Lafreniere**, **Brooke Santos**, and **Riley Shaugnessy** would also contribute for the team.

The boys' and girls' spring track teams kick off their season with a home meet against Case High School on **April 3** at 3:30 pm.

Letters to the Editor

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9:00 AM – The Register's Report
9:30 AM – The Childrens's Corner
10:00 AM – Expedition New England
10:30 AM – NASA 360
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
2:00 PM – Sippican Historical Society
3:00 PM - Art.21
3:30 PM - Tomorrow Today
4:00 PM – Senior Scene
4:30 PM - The Fox Robbins Business Show
5:00 PM – Storytellers
6:00 PM – Living Healthy with the Woman in You
6:30 PM – VNA Health Highlights
7:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM – A Culinary Journey
8:00 PM – What's Linda Cooking?
8:30 PM – The Song
9:00 PM – The Dungeon of Dr. Dreck
10:30 PM – The Chico and B-man Music Show
11:00 PM – Alt Roots TV

Friday March 28, 2014
8:00 AM – Around BCC
8:30 AM – Just Paws
9:00 AM – Senior Scene
9:30 AM – Bioneers by the Bay
10:30 AM – Melissa's Menu
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Money Talk
2:00 PM – Your Money Your Life
2:30 PM – The Commonwealth Report with Se. Marc Pacheco
3:00 PM - Explore
3:30 PM - Global 3000
4:00 PM - Deutsche Welle - European Journal
4:30 PM – In Focus
5:00 PM – Buzzards Bay Action Committee
6:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Presents Careers
6:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
7:00 PM – Around Town with Buster
7:30 PM – New England Journal
8:00 PM - Around BCC
8:30 PM - The Folklorist
9:00 PM – Link TV
10:00 PM – Legal Ease
10:30 PM – Get Connected
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – Future Talk

Saturday March 29, 2014
6:30 AM – Classic Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM – NASA 360
9:00 AM – Just Paws
9:30 PM - The Children's Corner
10:00 AM – I Can Be Me
10:30 AM – Painting Journeys
11:30 AM – What's Linda Cooking
Noon – Storytellers
12:45 PM – U-Mass Dartmouth Winter Sports
2:30 PM – The Garage with Steve Butler
3:00 PM - The Fox Robbins Business Show
3:30 PM – The Folklorist
4:00 PM – Hollywood Make Over
4:30 PM – Money Talk
5:00 PM - Go Fish with Dan Kenney
5:30 PM – Expedition New England
6:00 PM – Reeling – The Movie Review Show
6:30 PM - What's Linda Cooking
7:00 PM – Tina Cooks
7:30 PM – A Culinary Journey
8:00 PM – The Song
8:30 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
9:00 PM – Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM – Europe in Concert

Sunday March 30, 2014
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6:30 AM – Words of Peace
7:00 AM – Second Coming Church
8:00 AM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM – Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM - First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM – The Riverside Church of Wareham with Dr. Gomes
11:30 AM – The Register's Report
Noon – Eckanar
12:30 PM - Cape Cod Book Scene
1:00 PM – Physician Focus
1:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
2:00 PM - Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM - First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM – New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:00 PM - Words of Peace
5:30 PM – The Riverside Church of Wareham with Dr. Gomes
6:00 PM – The Sippican Historical Society
7:00 PM – Bioneers by the Bay
8:00 PM - Buzzards Bay Action Committee
9:00 PM – Marion Museum of Natural History – Birds of Prey
10:00 PM – The National Parks Service Presents
10:30 PM – The Dartmouth Community Medical School – Get Heart Smart

Monday March 31, 2014
8:00 AM – Arts.21
8:30 AM – Your Money Your Life
9:00 AM – The Commonwealth Report with Se. Marc Pacheco
9:30 AM – The Dr. Is In
10:00 AM – VNA Health Highlights
10:30 AM – Tomorrow and Today
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – Just Paws
2:00 PM – Storytellers
3:00 PM - Explore
3:30 PM – Earth Focus
4:00 PM – European Journal
4:30 PM – Global 3000
5:00 PM - The Register's Report
5:30 PM - Reeling – The Movie Review Show
6:00 PM – Around BCC
6:30 PM – Consumer Affairs
7:00 PM – Expedition New England
7:30 PM – Go Fish
8:00 PM – Explore Home Solar Forum
9:30 PM - The Rochester Historical Society
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – The David Pakman Show

Tuesday April 1, 2014
8:00 AM – Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:30 PM – What's Linda Cooking
9:00 AM – Graceful Aging
9:30 AM – The Buzzards Bay Action Committee
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
1:30 PM – In the Fight
2:00 PM – The Garage
2:30 PM – Fast Forward
3:00 PM - Words of Peace
3:30 PM - The Sippican Historical Society
4:30 PM - The Rochester Historical Society
5:00 PM – Graceful Aging
5:30 PM - The Commonwealth Report with Se. Marc Pacheco
6:00 PM – Living Healthy with the Woman in You
6:30 PM – Emily's Garden
7:00 PM – Around BCC
7:30 PM – The Language of Business
8:00 PM - Painting Journeys
9:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Careers
9:30 PM – The Register's Report
10:00 PM – The Dr. Is In
10:30 PM – Explore
11:00 pm – Creating Cooperative Kids

Wednesday April 2, 2014
8:00 AM – Around BCC
8:30 AM – Just Paws
9:30 AM - Hollywood Make Over
10:00 AM – Melissa's Menu
10:30 AM - Living Healthy with the Woman in You
11:00 AM – Senior Stretch
11:30 AM – Jazzercise
Noon – Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Bioneers by the Bay
3:00 PM - Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM – The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM – Money Talk
5:30 PM – The National Parks Service Presents
6:00 PM – White House Chronicle
6:30 PM – Explore Home Solar Forum
7:30 PM – In Focus
8:30 PM – Cape Cod Book Scene
9:00 PM – The Mass Factor
9:30 PM - New England Journal
10:00 PM – In The Fight
10:30 PM – Life Matters
11:00 PM – 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM – Future Talk

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
8:00 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
8:00 AM – Latest School Committee Meeting
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Latest School Committee Meeting
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM – Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
8:30 PM - Inside the ORR School District - School to Career
9:00 AM – F.O.R.M. Choral Concert 2014
10:00 AM – ORRHS Faculty and Student Basketball Game 2014
11:30 AM - Inside the ORR School District - School to Career
Noon – F.O.R.M. Choral Concert 2014
1:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Careers
1:30 PM - ORRHS Boys Basketball
2:30 PM - Inside the ORR School District - School to Career
3:00 PM - ORRHS Bulldog TV Winter 2014
3:30 PM – Mrs. Toman's 2nd Grade Creative Person Presentations
4:25 PM - ORRJHS OXFAM Banquet 2014
5:00 PM - F.O.R.M. Choral Concert 2014
6:00 PM – Upper Cape Tech Careers
6:30 PM - ORRHS Faculty and Student Basketball Game 2014
7:00 PM - Mrs. Toman's 2nd Grade Creative Person Presentations
8:00 PM - Inside the ORR School District - School to Career
8:30 PM - ORRJHS OXFAM Banquet 2014
9:05 PM – ORRHS Faculty and Student Basketball Game 2014

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To the Editor,

After viewing the March 3, 2014 Marion Planning Board meeting and listening to board member Jay Ryder's comment on the ZBA's request for input regarding the solar farm installation on County Rd., we believe there is a need for clarification.

Board member Jay Ryder's comment "The Briggs' have taken the planning board to task for years" is both untrue and offensive.

The owners and applicants for the proposed solar farm project before the boards are Dale and Laura Briggs. In the 59 years of living in Marion, we have been before the planning board on two prior nights, both of which were over 20 years ago, one being unofficial and the other a lot division.

We have always been compelled to help our town and because we do not make it public, most do not know of the numerous contributions which have also included materials, time, labor and equipment afforded the town by Dale, Laura and Timothy Briggs.

With board member Jay Ryder's comment being public and televised before our town, we felt it necessary to state the corrected facts.

Dale and Laura Briggs, Marion

ORRHS Students to Attend Boys' & Girls' State

Ten members of the class of 2015 at Old Rochester Regional High School will be attending the Boys' / Girls' State Convention sponsored by the American Legion's Florence Eastman Post 280, June 14-20, 2014, at Stonehill





Movie Review

Fighting Mad

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Divergent.* Starring Shailene Woodley and Kate Winslet. Directed by Neil Burger. Running time: 139 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13.**

There are five factions in the futuristic society of *Divergent*, and it just figures that the heroine, Beatrice "Tris" Prior (Shailene Woodley), would pick the Dauntless faction. The Dauntless are society's warriors and protectors, and thus are subject to grueling training designed to test an initiate's courage. When not training, the Dauntless while away the afternoons by running around, climbing things, and jumping off other things. What if Tris had chosen the Erudites, the smarties of society? Would her training consist of harrowing, highly cinematic algebra quizzes? Or what if she'd opted for Amity, the people who work the land and are noted for their kindness? Would we have an $80 million blockbuster about how Tris must face the horrific final test -- being nice to cranky customers at a farmers' market?

As it is, *Divergent* might as well be called *Dauntless,* because for most of the running time, Tris, who was born into the Abnegation faction (selfless people who help others), takes many beatings and worries incessantly about not making the cut in her Dauntless training. (Those who flunk out become "factionless," denied the option to return home or to try their luck in another faction.) Tris, though, is a special snowflake: she's a Divergent, meaning that she -- gasp! -- has more than one trait. She could fit in with Abnegation, Dauntless, or Erudite. So she's really dangerous to this post-apocalyptic society that has arranged everyone according to dominant trait to "preserve the peace."

I don't really get what any of that has to do with peace. Maybe it's explained in Veronica Roth's trilogy of books, which I haven't read and, judging by my boredom with the movie, will probably skip. It's really just an elaborate metaphor for Being Your Own Beautiful Self, which apparently goes over well with readers of a certain tender age. *Divergent* has been compared to *The Hunger Games,* but at least Suzanne Collins' fantasy had some sort of real-world relevance, even edging up to social satire. But *Divergent*'s concerns seem largely solipsistic -- there's little or no larger meaning to it at all. Unlike Katniss Everdeen, who survived and became an inspiration due to a combination of luck, guts, brains and compassion, Tris just hits the genetic lottery, which is hazardous to her in the short term but will likely shake out with her as the heroine of a newly diverse and less regimented society by the third movie.

There's little or no filmmaking excitement in *Divergent,* either. The director is Neil Burger, a journeyman hack who merely points and shoots, never pausing to take in beauty or terror. There's a tiny bit of both in sequences in which Tris and, later, her Dauntless trainer and love interest Four (Theo James) submit to chemically-induced hallucinations of their deepest fears. Apparently Tris is scared of birds, fire, and drowning, while Four dislikes heights. The hallucinations at least pack a slight visual-surreal charge mostly absent from the rest of the movie, which unfolds in the gunmetal-blue Dauntless quarters or in sterile offices. I sensed no connection between Burger and this material, no urgency on his part to tell this story and open up its truths.

Woodley is fine and humble as the heroine, and Kate Winslet brings cold efficiency to her performance as Jeanine Matthews, the Erudite leader who wants to overthrow the Abnegations' control over society. I didn't get that, either: the smart people want to go to war with the selfless people? Are this movie's politics insane, or just nonexistent? I don't see brainiacs like Neil deGrasse Tyson gunning for people like the Dalai Lama. *Divergent* also verges on saying the military is a mindless hive brainwashed by the Harvard-educated ruling class, which is more cynical than anything in *The Hunger Games* and an insult to ex-military men like Daniel Ellsberg. In short, the divvied-up society presented here makes no internal or subtextual sense. It doesn't refer to anything other than a generic "fight the Man" theme -- and, of course, the Man here is an intelligent woman. So, despite its kick-ass heroine, the movie doesn't really diverge much from the standard path of Hollywood sexism at all.

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To be eligible for Boys' / Girls' State, a student must be a member of the junior class who has achieved high academic success. Delegates must also show evidence of leadership ability and an interest in the democratic process. At the convention, delegates will study local and state government. They will establish and

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TriTown Happenings

"Say Triskaidekaphobia!" the Cat in the Hat told the children, posing for a photo at the Mattapoisett Free Library on Saturday, March 22. What the heck is that, the children asked the Cat in the Hat. "Google it!" he told the children laughing at his silliness. The library knows how to throw a party, celebrating five years since the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library funded the expansion of the library. "They even bought a cake," said Children's Services Librarian Sandra Burke. "Shall we say 'thank you' to the friends?" The Cat in the Hat read two stories to the children before ushering them over to the cake table. Some kids were a little afraid of the Cat, reluctantly entering the room and clinging to Mom's leg, but eventually joined the others in the fun. By Jean Perry













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operate their own cities and towns and state government in miniature. This will include forming two political parties, holding conventions, nominating candidates, conducting campaigns, and electing officials. The primary goal of Boys' / Girls' State is for attendees to develop a better understanding of how State Government functions.

Gateway Youth Hockey

The Gateway Squirt Grizzlies lost a Cape League playoff game to Nantucket 4-2 on Saturday. The offense was lead by **RJ Vickery** and **Tyler Lovendale**, who each had one goal. The Grizzlies gave a great effort against a team that they lost 10-1 and 7-0 in early February. **Ryker King** was again outstanding in goal. On Sunday, the Grizzlies played their final Yankee League playoff game and beat Braintree 2 with a score of 3-1. **Chris Gauvin** got the Grizzlies on the board first with the first of his two goals. **Matt Quinlan** scored the other and Ryker King was solid in goal. The Grizzlies advance to the championship game with the time and date TBD.

Old Rochester Class of 1964

The Old Rochester Class of 1964 is planning a 50th reunion in September 2014. If any one has information on the whereabouts of the following "missing" classmates, please call 317-769-3175: Allan Humphrey; Carol Wordell Quellette; Doris Hartley; Ruth Pare Robichaud; Clark Springgate; David Cobb; Dan Hebert; Martin Bauer; Chris Hayward; Clarissa Dow West; Virginia FaFrance; Robert Mandell; John Rosa; Darla

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TriTown Happenings

Our second installment of Take a Hike! brought us to the Old Aucoot District property, owned by the Mattapoisett Land trust. This 300-acre land is full of history and mystery. There are strange stone markers scattered throughout the woods, and peculiar (and spooky) trees that appear sculptural at every bend in the trail. This hike will be a gem once the foliage finally grows in, with all the mature trees dripping with thick, twisting vines. The small Grace Pond is a peaceful spot for a picnic, and the sheer size of the property makes for a full day of exploring. (Just watch out for pigs!) So, go explore Tri-Town and take a hike! By Jean Perry











Marion Recreation held the Girls and Boys Championship Games at the Old Rochester Regional High School on Thursday, March 20th.
(above) The Girls League 2014 Champions are the Mercury. Players: Alex Strand, Emily Erickson, Kinsley Dickerson, Mickenna Soucy, Lexi Smead, Jaclyn Stadelmann, Paige Feeney, Jacqueline Barrett, Georgia Toland and Katelyn Luong. Coached by Jeff Dickerson, Nhant Luong, and Stacey Perry.

The Boys League 2014 Champions are the Lakers. Players: top row, Tucker Guard, Drew Hiller, Peter Murray, Nick Johnson, Sam Gryska, Joel Watters, Finn McCain, bottom row, Jacob Spark, Quin Kirby, Teagan McCain, Nathaniel Bangs and Caleb Devoe. Coached by: Joel Watters, Joel Watters Sr. and Joe Guard.

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Rochester Republican Town Committee

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Plumb Library News

"Just the Facts" the nonfiction book discussion group, will be reading *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, by Richard Louv. "I like to play indoors better 'cause that's where all the electrical outlets are," reports a fourth-grader. Never before in history have children been so plugged in and so out of touch with the natural world. In this groundbreaking new work, child advocacy expert Richard Louv directly links the lack of nature in the lives of today's wired generation – he calls it nature deficit – to some of the most disturbing childhood trends, such as rises in obesity, Attention Deficit Disorder, and depression. This alienation damages children and shapes adults, families, and communities. There are solutions, though, and they're right in our own backyards. We will discuss *Last Child in the Woods* on Thursday, **April 17** at 6:30 pm.

Café Parlez' selection for April is *The Book of Lost Things*, by John Connolley. High in his attic bedroom,

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Tri-Town Police Logs

MARION

Log highlights March 16–March 22

- Mill St – Suspicious activity
- Mill St – General offense
- Holly Pond Rd – Annoying phone calls
- Mill St – MV accident
- Front St – Suspicious activity
- Pinewood Dr – Medical emergency
- West Ave – Medical emergency
- Point Rd – Medical emergency
- Main St – Medical emergency
- Converse Rd – Medical emergency
- Barros Dr – Health/welfare
- Converse Rd – Health/welfare
- Spring St – MV accident
- Point Rd – Larceny/arrest
- Mill St - Suspicious activity
- Wilson Rd – Health/welfare
- Point Rd – Found property
- Wareham Rd – Larceny/past
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – MV accident
- South St – Health/welfare
- Washburn Park – Vandalism/past
- Spring St – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Medical emergency
- Whynot Ct – Paper service
- Mansfield Ave – Suspicious activity
- Rocky Nook Ln – Missing person
- Front St – Suspicious MV
- Front St – Suspicious activity

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights March 16–March 22

- Pine Island Rd – Fire/other
- Anchorage Way – Suspicious MV
- Tinkham Hill Rd - Vandalism
- River Rd – Animal control
- Water St – Health/welfare
- Shady Ln – Suspicious other
- Pearl St – Suspicious MV
- Shawmut Rd – 911 abandoned
- Hi-Ona-Hill Rd – Officer wanted
- Bowman Rd – 911 abandoned
- North St – MV crash
- Acushnet Rd – General service
- Massasoit Way – Domestic disturbance
- Ocean Dr – Officer wanted
- County Rd – Suspicious MV
- Marion Rd – Sex offenses
- Justin Ave – Health/welfare
- Acushnet Rd – Fire/other
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- Marion Rd – 911 call
- Main St – Follow up investigation
- Marion Rd – Follow up investigation
- Acushnet Rd – Follow up investigation
- Alderberry Ln – Restraining order
- Marion Rd – MV lockout
- Main St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Main St – Officer wanted
- Industrial Dr – Open door
- Fairhaven Rd – Fire/other

ROCHESTER

Log highlights March 16–March 22

- Ryder Rd – Suspicious person
- Mill Pond Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Vaughn Hill Rd – Animal control
- Dexter Ln – Officer wanted
- Walnut Plain Rd – Animal control
- Mayflower Ln – Ambulance request
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Marion Rd – Erratic operation
- Alley Rd - Investigation
- Clapp Rd – Assist other agency
- Nathaniels Dr – Ambulance request
- North Ave – MV accident
- Snipatuit Rd – 911 abandoned
- Mattapoisett Rd - Soliciting
- Cranberry Hwy – Assist other agency
- Marys Pond Rd – Harassment order
- Cranberry Hwy – Officer wanted
- Alley Rd - Investigation
- Braley Hill Rd – Suspicious activity
- Neck Rd - Lockout
- North Ave – B&E
- North Ave – Missing person
- North Ave - Investigation
- Forster Rd – Health/welfare
- Braley Hill Rd – Fire/brush
- Ryder Rd – Suspicious MV/arrest
- Haskell Ridge Rd – Suspicious MV
- High St – Fire/other
- Ryder Rd – Transport/escort

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, March 31: Chicken veggie soup, unsalted saltines, breaded chicken breast, rice Florentine, multigrain roll, strawberry cup.
Tuesday, April 1: Sweet potato shepherds pie, broccoli spears, whole wheat roll, pears.
Wednesday, April 2: Tossed salad, stuffed shells Florentine, peas & mushrooms, dinner roll, mixed fruit.
Thursday, April 3: Low sodium hot dog, hot dog roll, mustard packet, veggie baked beans, hot German slaw, peach cobbler, diet: graham wafer.
Friday, April 4: Sweet potato pollack, tartar sauce, Delmonico potatoes, cut green beans, whole wheat bread, melon cup.

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, March 31: French toast sticks, berries w/whipped topping, light sausage patties, roasted hash browns, maple syrup, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, April 1: Meatball sub, mozzarella or parmesan cheese, Caesar salad, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, April 2: Pizza, garden salad w/dressing, fruit, milk.
Thursday, April 3: Beef tacos w/ cheese, lettuce, tomato, salsa, black bean salad, rice, cucumber wheels, fruit, milk.
Friday, April 4: Hot dog or potato crunch fish sandwich, homemade baked beans, fun size chips, pickle, fruit milk.

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, March 31: French toast sticks, berries w/whipped topping, light sausage patties, roasted hash browns, maple syrup, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, April 1: Meatball sub, mozzarella or parmesan cheese, Caesar salad, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, April 2: Pizza, garden salad w/dressing, fruit, milk.
Thursday, April 3: Beef tacos w/ cheese, lettuce, tomato, salsa, black bean salad, rice, cucumber wheels, fruit, milk.
Friday, April 4: Hot dog or potato crunch fish sandwich, homemade baked beans, fun size chips, pickle, fruit milk.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, March 31: Build a burger: American cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, roasted sweet potato chunks, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, April 1: Meatball sub or sausage, peppers & onion sub, cheese, steamed peas, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, April 2: Homemade chicken pot pie, mashed sweet potato, warm bread stick, carrot 7 celery stick, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
Thursday, April 3: NEW! Sweet & sour chicken w/vegetable fried rice, broccoli salad, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
Friday, April 4: Hot dog, macaroni salad, homemade baked beans, pickle, assorted chips, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, March 31: French toast sticks, berries w/ whipped topping, light sausage patties, roasted sweet potatoes, maple syrup, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, April 1: Italian sampler: meatballs, mozzarella sticks, chicken fingers, marinara sauce, Caesar salad w/dressing, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, April 2: Pizza, garden salad w/dressing, fruit, milk.
Thursday, April 3: Mini cinnamon buns! Frozen yogurt, roasted hash browns, fruit, milk.
Friday, April 4: Hot dog or potato crunch fish sandwich, homemade baked beans, fun size chips, pickle, fruit milk.

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, March 31: French toast sticks, berries w/ whipped topping, light sausage patties, roasted sweet potatoes, maple syrup, fruit, milk.
Tuesday, April 1: Meatball sub or sausage, peppers & onion sub, cheese, steamed peas, carrot & celery sticks, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, April 2: Pizza, garden salad w/dressing, fruit, milk.
Thursday, April 3: Beef tacos w/ cheese, lettuce, tomato, salsa, black bean salad, rice, cucumber wheels, fruit, milk.
Friday, April 4: Hot dog or potato crunch fish sandwich, homemade baked beans, fun size chips, pickle, fruit milk.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, March 31: White pizza (chicken & broccoli alfredo) & Caesar salad
Tuesday, April 1: Asian chicken bowl & bread stick.
Wednesday, April 2: Lasagna, green beans & bread.
Thursday, April 3: BBQ beef patty, baked beans & cole slaw.
Friday, April 4: Chicken nuggets & fries.

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The Plumb Library Knitters meets Mondays at 6:30 pm. All knitters and crocheters are welcome. Chocolate is always served.

Our very own Library Dancing Fairy, Plumbelina, has volunteered to be here every Saturday in April from 1:00 to 1:30 pm. She will do a story/dance program for children ages three and up. Pre-registration is requested. If we have enough interest, she will continue the program until further notice. For all who have requested more Plumbelina, please adjust your schedules so you can participate!

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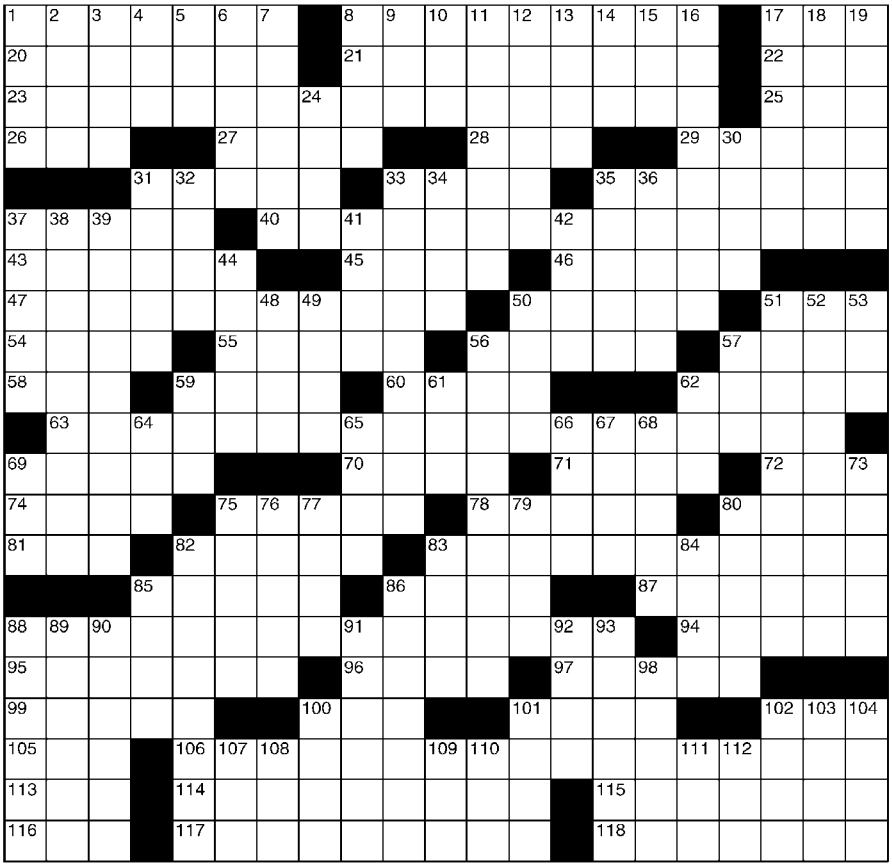
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ACROSS

1 See a therapist, say
8 Harvard's city
17 Sleeping site
20 Grave robber, e.g.
21 Outfitted and equipped
22 Summer, to Henri
23 Activity of a ghost in a flat?
25 Zenith competitor
26 Seating tier
27 Sci-fi space vehicles
28 Crooner Orbison
29 Ham-and- — (average Joe)
31 Bigoted title journalist of film
33 He played Mowgli in "Jungle Book"
35 — -Packard
37 Didn't just talk
40 Develop a potbelly faster than?
43 Somewhat
45 — -Apple (Ocean Spray flavor)
46 Daisy variety
47 Rivaling actress Adams in intelligibility?
50 Sets loose
51 "Big Blue" co.
54 Word of woe
55 Honda model
56 Varieties
57 Take a pic of
58 — -12 Conference
59 Filmy strand
60 Capital of Ukraine
62 "Pride — before ..."
63 Why NASA requires continual funding?
69 Torridly hot
70 DJ part
71 BBQ fare
72 The girl
74 Nickelodeon "explorer"
75 Using base 8
78 Poem of 17 syllables
80 Bohr's study
81 "— takers?"
82 Disguise
83 Cite baseball player Rusty for speeding?
85 McCain mate Sarah
86 Newscaster Huntley
87 Bern's land, in French
88 Doting too much on a goatish god?
94 More clever
95 Terrapins
96 Becomes sickly pale
97 Drink to
99 Nebraska's largest city
100 Always, to a sonneteer
101 "Now, where —?"
102 Syllable tripled on a dance floor
105 Quipping sort
106 Oz creator's cry when he first realized what family he was born into?
113 Prefix with system
114 Hester Prynne of "The Scarlet Letter," e.g.
115 "Laredo" co-star Brand
116 Germany's — Spiegel
117 Requirement
118 Keats' "Ode on a — Urn"

DOWN

1 Bike "speed"
2 Large fair
3 Unfreeze
4 "Ben- —"
5 Rescue squad VIP
6 Monkey's kin
7 Factory-made home
8 Lynxes, e.g.
9 Herr's cry
10 1988 buyer of Motown
11 Whiskey type
12 Get used up
13 Bitty lead-in
14 Soft & —
15 — Xer
16 With a side foremost
17 Actress Candice
18 "And so on and so on": Abbr.
19 Scarcity
24 E flat, e.g.
30 Bonding stuff
31 Hellenic B's
32 Kitchen lure
33 Discovered black gold
34 Very little
35 Put a spell on
36 Olympics swords
37 Songwriters' org.
38 Task after printing out sheets
39 Traitor's act
41 Exotic berry in juices
42 It gets tooted
44 Prima — evidence
48 "Yes, yes, Pedro!"
49 League VIPs
50 Ten halved
51 Rapturous
52 Cabana, e.g.
53 Speed limit abbr.
56 Square head scarfs
57 Cain, to Adam
59 Twisted, as humor
61 Suppositions
62 Film director Van Sant
64 Momentous period
65 Bismarck loc.
66 TV's Estrada
67 Analogous to
68 Lies against
69 Rx overseer
73 Live coal
75 Col. North
76 Pennies, say
77 Zesty flavor
79 — part (role-play)
80 At an angle
82 Dirty Harry's last name
83 At that time
84 Figure (out)
85 Essence
86 Dickens or Darwin
88 In storage
89 Abrasive stone stuff
90 Keynote speaker, e.g.
91 Bird calls
92 Jazz's state
93 Snooping (around)
98 One seeing the sights?
100 Glamour or Vogue rival
101 Cautious (of)
102 Metropolis in Colombia
103 Island dance
104 "So right!"
107 Lemon or lime drink
108 Jean- — Picard
109 Mystifying Mr. Geller
110 Swift plane
111 NYC's Park, for one
112 Big name in ballpoints



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You'll want to discourage well-meaning but potentially ill-advised interference in what you intend to accomplish. Your work has a better chance to succeed if it reflects you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's well-deserved reputation for loyalty could be tested if you learn that it might be misplaced. But don't rely on rumors. Check the stories out before you decided to act.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You've been going on adrenaline for a long time, and this unexpected lull in a recent spate of excitement could be just what you need to restore your energy levels. Enjoy it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Friends can be counted on to help you deal with a perplexing personal situation. But remember to keep your circle of advisers limited only to those you're sure you can trust.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Security-loving Lions do not appreciate uncertainty in any form. But sometimes changing situations can reveal hidden stresses in time to repair a relationship before it's too late.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time for single Virgos to make a love connection. Be careful not to be too judgmental about your new "prospect" -- at least until you know more about her or him.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of justice helps you resolve a problem that might have been unfairly attributed to the wrong person. Spend the weekend doing some long-neglected chores.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might feel justified in your anger toward someone you suspect betrayed your trust. But it could help if you take the time to check if your suspicions have substance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Ignore distractions if you hope to accomplish your goal by the deadline you agreed to. Keep the finish line in sight, and you should be able to cross it with time to spare.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your creative self continues to dominate through much of the week. Also, despite a few problems that have cropped up, that recent romantic connection seems to be thriving.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) As curious as you might be, it's best to avoid trying to learn a colleague's secret. That sort of knowledge could drag you into a difficult workplace situation at some point down the line.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Instead of spending too much time floundering around wondering if you can meet your deadline, you need to spend more time actually working toward reaching it.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a natural gift for attracting new friends, who are drawn to your unabashed love of what life should be all about.

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Old Rochester Regional Athletic Hall of Fame

As you know, the Old Rochester Regional Athletic Hall of Fame is now in its 4th year. The board of directors is working hard to make this year's Hall of Fame events bigger and better than ever. The ORRAHOF board is happy to announce that the 2014 Hall of Fame inductees will be: Charlie Jefferson '62; Steve Heath '69; Tom Decosta '70; Cornelia Dougal '71; Gretchen Hamer MacDonald '81; Peter Borsari '82; Josh Bender '97; Coach Jim Hubbard; Andy Mendes; and the 1962 Boys' Cross Country team.

The ORR Athletic Hall of Fame's annual reunion will take place at the Reservation Golf Club in Mattapoisett from 5:00 pm until closing on Saturday, **March 29**. This free, informal event is a fun opportunity for ORR alumni athletes, coaches, cheerleaders and supporters to gather and reminisce and is open to anyone with an interest in ORR athletics. Food will be served and a cash bar will be open.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 38N of the Massachusetts General Laws, you are notified that there will be a Public Hearing of the Rochester School Committee regarding the school budget for the 2014-2015 school year at 6:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, Massachusetts. 3/20, 3/27

TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

On April 7, 2014, the Marion Planning Board will hold a public hearing pursuant to the requirements of G.L. c.40A, s.5 to see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.2 "N" of the Zoning Bylaw (Table of Principal Uses) by inserting the letter "Y" in all zoning districts preceded by the words "Solar Systems" as follows:"

Principal Uses:
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Solar Systems(1):
Y - Y - Y - Y - Y - Y - Y - Y - Y

(1)In certain circumstances, Solar Systems require a special permit from the Planning Board. See Section 16 of the Zoning Bylaw.

subject to the requirements as specified in the Bylaw's text.

The public hearing will be held at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts 02738 at 7:20 P.M. in the Main Conference Room. The public is invited to attend and be heard on these proposals and may inspect the full text of these proposals during normal business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk or Planning Board.

Patricia McArdle, Chairman
Steven J. Kokkins, Vice-Chairman 3/20, 3/27

TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

On April 7, 2014, the Marion Planning Board will hold a public hearing pursuant to the requirements of G.L. c.40A, s.5 regarding two proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw and a corresponding amendment to the Table of Principle Use Regulations. The proposed amendment is to create a new Section 17, et seq. of the Zoning Bylaw entitled "Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (also known as Marijuana Dispensaries)" said new Section 17, et seq. to limit the siting and operation of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers to locations appropriate to such use, and to regulate such use through the issuance of a special permit and the imposition of conditions necessary to protect community safety while ensuring legitimate patient access throughout the Town of Marion. The second proposed amendment to the Table of Principle Use Regulations, under Limited Business, Section N Other Uses, to read Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (Dispensaries) PB, subject to the requirements as specified in the Bylaw's text.

The public hearing will be held at the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, Massachusetts 02738 at 7:10 pm in the Main Conference Room. The public is invited to attend and be heard on these proposals and may inspect the full text of these proposals during normal business hours at the Office of the Town Clerk or Planning Board.

Patricia McArdle, Chairman
Steven J. Kokkins, Vice-Chairman 3/20, 3/27

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Brain M. & Betsy J. Andrade.

The Applicants propose to provide beach nourishment above the mean high water line on an approximate 2,700 sq. ft. existing Coastal Beach.

Said work will be performed on the Coastal Beach and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 18).

The project is located at 70 Aucoot Road and is further identified as Lot #87 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #3. 3/27

TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
LEGAL NOTICE CASE #683

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2014, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Patricia Figueiredo for a Special Permit under section 6.3 of the zoning by-law to allow the reconstruction of a porch removed during the 1970s on an existing non-conforming structure.

The property, located at 54 South Street, is further identified on Assessors Plan 16 as Lot 69.
Eric V. Pierce, Interim Chairman 3/27, 4/3

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 7:15 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Notice of Intent submitted by THE TOWN OF MARION, c/o THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, for the rehabilitation of River Road in order to improve roadway infrastructure and roadway safety. Improvements will consist of roadway reclamation and paving, installation of curbing, construction of new gravel driveways, and stormwater drainage improvements. River Road is shown on Marion Assessors' Map 9. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Norman A. Hills, Vice Chairman 3/27

TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
LEGAL NOTICE

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Town House conference room, 2 Spring Street, on a Request for Determination of Applicability #41D-1529 submitted by MARYELLEN S. SHACHOY to install an inground gunite swimming pool with patio at 52 Water Street, further identified as Lot 131F on Marion Assessors' Map 16. Plans are available at the Town House for review.

Norman A. Hills, Vice Chairman 3/27

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
REQUEST FOR BID
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town is seeking bids for the purchase of three Yamaha Model F250XCA outboards. Specifications can be obtained at Selectmen's Office, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett. Bids are due in by April 9th, 2014 at 4 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office. 3/27, 4/3

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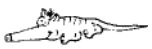
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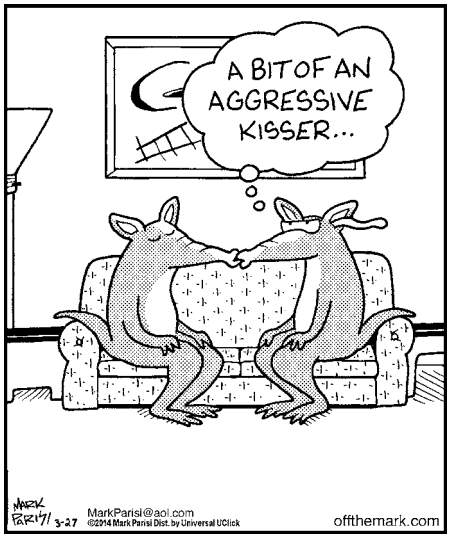
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ceremonies will be held at ORRHS on Saturday, **June 21** at 5:00 pm, and the annual ORRAHOF golf tournament will take place the following day, Sunday, **June 22** at the Back Nine Golf Club in Lakeville. For more information on all of these great events, please visit the Old Rochester Regional Athletic Hall of Fame's web site at www.ORRAHOF.com.

Classic Film Friday: *Easter Parade*

On Friday, **April 4** at 7:00 pm, the public is invited to the Marion Music Hall for its Classic Film Friday Presentation: *Easter Parade*. The event is co-sponsored by the Sippican Historical Society and the Marion Council on Aging, and is offered to the public, free of charge. *Easter Parade* is a 1948 musical, starring Fred Astaire as a nightclub performer who hires a naive chorus girl (Judy Garland) to become his new dance partner to make his former partner (Ann Miller) jealous. Peter Lawford rounds out the cast. The film features music by Irving Berlin, including such favorites as "Steppin' Out with My Baby,"" Shakin' the Blues Away," and the eponymous "Easter Parade." Dubbed "the happiest musical every made," *Easter Parade* was the highest-grossing musical of 1948, and earned an Oscar for Best Original Music Score the same year. Running time for *Easter Parade* is 107 minutes. For more information, contact the SHS at 508-748-1116.

Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its April meeting on **April 2** at the Legion Hall, 3 Depot Street. Social time is 5:30 pm; dinner at 6:00 pm.

Due to several postponements, our speaker for the meeting will be Liisa Budge-Johnson, Deputy Sheriff of Plymouth County. Liisa's subject will be a timely one, primarily concerning identity theft which is running rampant across the country. As usual Liisa will prove interesting and enjoyable as she covers this current topic. We all look forward to her return to our meeting.

Callers and members are asked to bear in mind the importance of call list accuracy. Caller lists should be done and reported no later than 9:00 am on **April 1**. Email to gpfnr@aol.com or by phone to Mike at 508-758-9311. Members with requests or changes can contact either no later than 9:00 am on **April 4**.





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Yard Sale & Family Day

A Yard Sale & Family Day will be held at the Knights of Columbus, 57 Fairhaven Rd in Mattapoisett on Saturday **April 12** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be refreshments and raffles. Tables are for rent for $20 each. A ham and bean supper with potato salad, coleslaw and macaroni and cheese will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Entertainment will be "Two For The Road" and will play from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for children 5-12, and children under five can get in for free. For tickets, contact Jim at 508-863-3496 or Rick at 508-758-4933. Donations for yard sale can be dropped off at the hall on April 11 between 11:00 am and 4:00 pm. No heavy appliances, heavy furniture or clothing will be accepted. Pick-up of yard sale items is available.

Spring Adult Programs at ETL

Mystery Book Club: Join us at the Elizabeth Taber Library on Wednesday, **April 2** at 11:00 am for our monthly Mystery Book Club meeting. We will be discussing Peter Robinson's book, *Before the Poison*. Please stop into the Library today to register and reserve a copy of this book.

Other upcoming Mystery Book Club meetings:
May 7 at 11:00 am: *Bones of Paris* by Laurie King
June 4 at 11:00 am: *Joyland* by Stephen King

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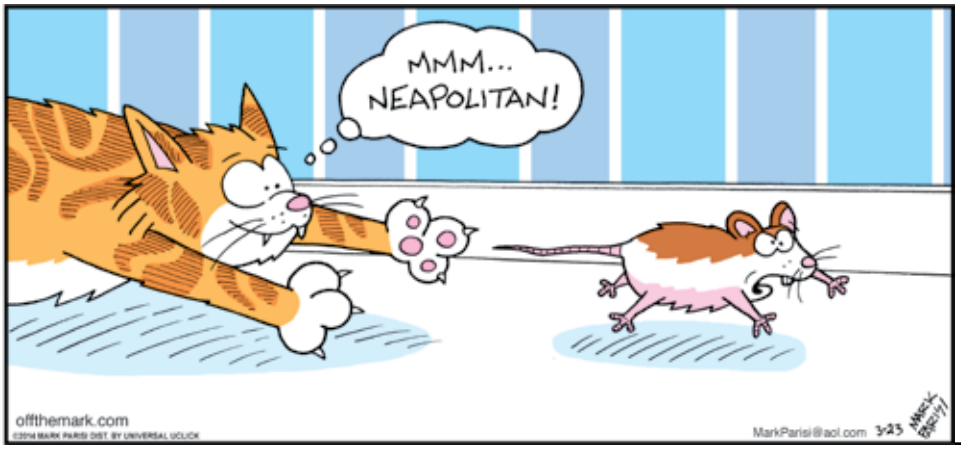
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Technology Tuesdays is starting up again. Six weeks of technology workshops start on Tuesday, **April 8** at 11:00 am and run through Tuesday, May 13.

Come to the Elizabeth Taber Library to learn more about using your computer or device and take advantage of all that the Library resources have to offer! Workshops will include: basic computer skills; learning the library catalog; checking out eBooks/audiobooks; Mango Languages; Goodreads; and a snapshot of the Boston Public Library electronic resources.

April 8 at 11:00 am: Basic Computer skills: Understanding the computer, navigating the desktop, and setting up an email address.

April 15 at 11:00 am: Learning the SAILS Library Catalog Enterprise: How to search for library items, place holds, view your account and more!

Poetry Workshops: April is National Poetry Month. We will be celebrating at the Elizabeth Taber Library with three poetry programs:

Thursday, **April 3** at 4:00 pm - Have you ever wondered what separates good poets from the rest? How do I look at a poem to better understand the meaning, style and power of its works? Join us on Thursday, April 3 at 4:00 pm at the Elizabeth Taber Library for an introduction to poetry, where we'll examine a variety of different writers, why they use a certain form, select

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Gail Roberts	March 29
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Friday, **April 18** at 11:00 am - Join us on Friday, April 18, at 11:00 am for another exciting poetry workshop where Dr. Charles White will present different techniques and ways to approach poetry as a reader. Dr. Charles White is a long time Marion resident and an American Literature and film professor at UMass Dartmouth.

Tuesday, **April 29**, at 4:00 pm - Poetry Reading - Poets and poetry lovers, come celebrate National Poetry Month at the Elizabeth Taber Library by reading your own poetry or some by your favorite poet. Registration is required to take part in the poetry reading. Each participant will be given five minutes to read their poetry selection. All are welcome to attend and enjoy this free event.

A Night of Jazz

If you are ready for the spring thaw, then come to the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium on Wednesday **April 16** at 7:00 pm for light refreshments and to join us for a toasty Night of Jazz. This concert is presented by the ORR High School and Junior High Music Departments, under the direction of Mike Barnicle and Jim Farmer.

The evening will feature traditional and student-arranged pieces presented by the Senior High Chorus, Jazz Band, and Combo. The Junior High Jazz Band will also perform!

Tickets are priced at $5 for adults and $3 for seniors and students.

All proceeds from ticket sales are used by the Friends of Old Rochester Music to promote and support music programs in the Old Rochester Junior and Senior High Schools.

Share our enthusiasm for live music and enjoy an evening with us.

We'd love to hear from you! E-mail us at orrform02739@gmail.com.

Afterschool Programs at the MNHM

Spring Thaw - April 16, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. (postponed from March 28). Finally, spring is here! Let's investigate those signs of life – both animal and plant – that can be seen now that the winter is officially over. Specimens will be available for handling, so please dress accordingly.

Composting - April 9, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Did you know you can make your soil healthier? We will be exploring what goes into a compost pile, and how you can make your "dirt" better.

Boat Trip to Bird Island - April 30, 3:30 - 4:30pm. Our annual trip to Bird Island with the Harbormaster's office. This program is very popular, so please register early to get a spot! Please remember to bring hats, waterproof coats, and sensible shoes. Subject to change to a "Harbor Tour" if the waves are too high.

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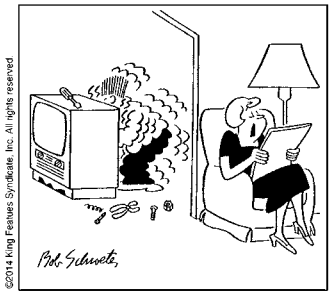
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plan to go outside and get a little dirty as we explore some of these plants close up.

ROCKETS! - May 28, 3:30 - 5:00 pm. Each child will have his/her own rocket with motor to assemble and set off. Warning: These are not the soda bottle rockets! The program is limited to 12 children aged 6+, accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Parent volunteers are encouraged to help with rocket assembly. Cost for this program is $20/participant. Program usually runs about 1.5 hours. Please submit payment to Marion Natural History Museum to hold your child's spot.

Where Does Our Water Come From? - June 4, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. From mountains to the shore, how does water travel to our town? We will be building our own examples of watersheds, so please plan to get dirty, and maybe a little wet!

Cost for all programs – unless otherwise noted – is $4 for members, $6 for nonmembers. To find out how to register for these programs, please go to the museum website at www.marionmuseum.org.

Discover Vernal Pools with the MLT

Mattapoisett is fortunate to have a large number of vernal pools, vital breeding habitats for resident amphibians and invertebrates such as wood frogs, spotted and blue-spotted salamanders, and fairy shrimp. The MLT is once again offering an introduction to vernal pools and instruction on how to certify them through a workshop and field trip.

The experience will begin with a slide show presentation at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on Wednesday, **April 2**, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, when wetland scientist Elizabeth Leidhold will describe with exhibits and slides some of the animals that rely on vernal pools for survival. On Saturday, **April 5**, at 2:00 pm, she will lead the investigation of one of the MLT's vernal pools; the site will be determined by the weather conditions. The state forms for certifying vernal pools will be provided to all participants so that they can learn how to properly complete the forms as part of the Commonwealth's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to learn together about the wetlands of Mattapoisett and how they can help protect them for future generations.

Both events are free and open to all, including residents of other towns. Attendance at the presentation is not required for participation in the field visit on Saturday. Anyone interested in discovery should meet at Dunseith Gardens (the Seahorse property) on Saturday afternoon at 1:45 pm. For more information, call 508-317-5932 or email info@mattlandtrust.org. Rubber boots are highly recommended.

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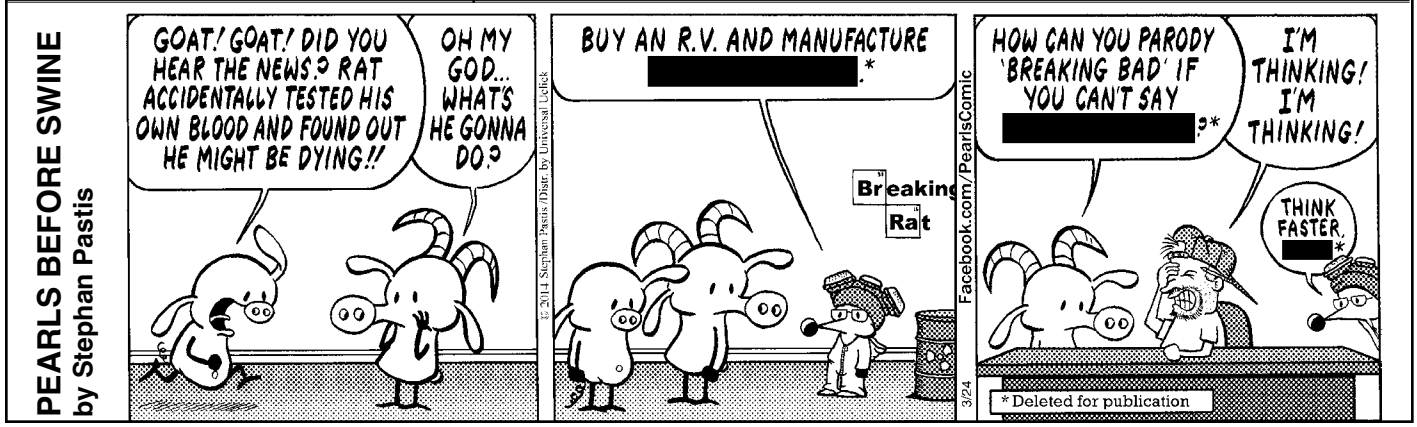
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Madeleine West of Mattapoisett, a member of the Pomfret School class of 2015, was recently named to the High Honor Roll for the 2013-2014 winter term at Pomfret School. High honors are earned with a 3.5 average and no grade below a B- (Honors are earned with a 3.0 average and no grade below a B-).

Sippican Lands Trust Annual Meeting

The Sippican Lands Trust invites the public to attend an open annual meeting on Thursday **April 10** at 5:30 pm. It will be held at the SLT office located at 354 Front Street, Marion next to Uncle Jon's coffee.

There will be a brief business meeting followed by a presentation by local, climate expert Dr. Jennifer Francis entitled "Wacky Weather and Climate Change: Is There a Connection?"

Dr. Francis is a Research Professor with the Rutgers Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences where she studies Arctic Climate Change and Arctic-Global Climate Linkages. She is also a current SLT Board Member.

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For more information, contact Executive Director Robin Shields at 508-748-3080 or robinshields@sippicanlandstrust.org.

Marion Toastmaster's Speech Contest

On Thursday, **March 27**, the Marion Toastmaster's Club will hold a speech contest at noon at the Marion Recreation Department building at 13 Atlantis Avenue in Marion. Members of the club will speak for five to seven minutes on a topic of their choice. A panel of judges will determine the winner. There will also be a 'Table Topics' contest, where contestants will speak from one to two minutes on a topic that is provided on the spot, without a chance to practice ahead of time. The purpose is to be able to think on your feet and present an idea or opinion extemporaneously. The public is welcome and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Joan Hartnett-Barry at 508-748-0027.

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21st Annual Buzzards Bay Swim

The waters of New Bedford Harbor and Buzzards Bay are still chilly from winter, but the warmth of summer will soon be here! Get outside and show your support for clean water by swimming in the Buzzards Bay Coalition's 21st annual Buzzards Bay Swim on Saturday, **June 28**. Swimmers who sign up through Tuesday, **April 1** at www.savebuzzardsbay.org/swim will enjoy free registration.

The Buzzards Bay Swim is a 1.2-mile open water course across outer New Bedford Harbor, starting at The Edge Seafood & Lounge (formerly Davy's Locker) in New Bedford's South End and ending at Fort Phoenix State Reservation in Fairhaven. The Swim draws participants of all ages and abilities, including families, swim teams, serious competitors, and individuals seeking a new fitness challenge. Recreational swimmers can choose to swim with a kayak escort or swim aids such as fins and snorkels.

Now in its 21st year, the Buzzards Bay Swim is a signature outdoor event for the Southcoast. Three hundred twenty-five swimmers are expected to participate in this year's Swim, hailing from communities across southeastern New England and as far away as Washington, D.C., Florida, and California. At the finish

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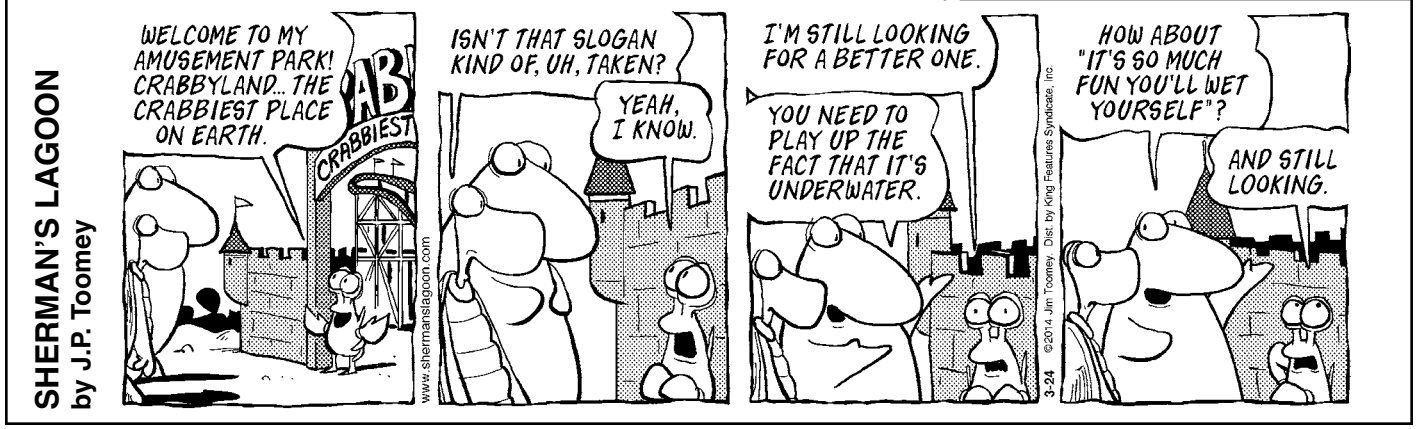
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line celebration, families and community members will enjoy food and festivities, including live music, an awards ceremony and free beach activities for children.

Seussical the Musical

The Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club will present on **April 3 - 6** the Broadway smash hit *Seussical* the Musical by Composer and Librettist, Stephen Flaherty, and Lyricist and Librettist, Lynn Ahrens. This family-oriented show boasts over 100 talented ORR students. The musical is based on several of Dr. Seuss' books including: The Cat in the Hat; Horton Hears a Who!; McElligot's Pool; Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!; and many others. This lively production features the Cat in the Hat who tells the story of Horton, an elephant that discovers a speck of dust containing Who's, including JoJo, a Who child sent off to a military school for thinking too many "thinks." Horton's attention to the speck of dust and his "loitering" care of Mayzie LaBird's egg has elicited taunting and accusations from the rest of the animal kingdom, except for Gertrude McFuzz, who longs for his attention. Ultimately it is JoJo, whose "thinks" save them all in the end.

The cast includes: Senior Makenzie Despres as The Cat in the Hat; Senior Troy Rood as Horton the Elephant; Sophomore Kaeli Peters as JoJo; Senior Sam Resendes as Mayor of Who; Sophomore Lexi Meloni as Mrs. Mayor; Sophomore Emily Faulkner as Gertrude McFuzz; Senior Nicole Enos as Amazing Mayzie La Bird; Freshman Sara Achorn as The Sour Kangaroo; and Junior Michael Amato as General Gengus Khan Schmitz. The cast is supported by ninety actors and technicians.

The show is produced and directed by Paul Sardinha, costumes by Helen Blake, lighting by John Farrell, ad music conducted by Michael Barnicle.

The musical is presented in the Gilbert D. Bristol Auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School, under the auspices of the David S. Hagen Performing Arts Series. *Seussical* will be performed Thursday - Saturday, **April 3, 4, and 5**, at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, **April 6** at 2:00 pm. Ticket prices are $12 for students and senior citizens, $15 for the general public and may be purchased at Plumb Corner Market in Rochester, Pen and Pendulum in Mattapoisett, and the Marion General Store in Marion. Tickets will be available at the door until sold out.

For more ticket information, please contact Lisa at 508-758-6762.

off the mark by Mark Parisi



Ham & Bean Supper

The American Legion, Florence Eastman Post 280 will hold an Old Fashion Ham & Bean Supper at the Post Hall on **April 5** from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. Call 508-758-9311 for reservations or questions. The supper will feature coleslaw, potato salad, dessert and beverage, as well as our signature baked ham and homemade beans.

Reservations are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Cost is $10 per person or $25 per family (Mom, Dad and small children). We need your support to continue our community service and look forward to providing our guests with a great meal and good fellowship!

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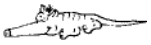
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March 27:	Thurs.	5:41	6:07	11:45	. . .
March 28:	Fri.	6:39	7:02	12:06	12:30
March 29:	Sat.	7:32	7:53	1:01	1:13
March 30:	Sun.	8:21	8:40	1:52	1:55
March 31:	Mon.	9:08	9:27	2:39	2:35
April 1:	Tues.	9:55	10:14	3:22	3:15
April 2:	Wed.	10:42	11:01	4:02	3:53
April 3:	Thurs.	11:30	11:48	4:41	4:33
April 4:	Fri.	. . .	12:20	5:21	5:15
April 5:	Sat.	12:37	1:08	6:03	6:00
April 6:	Sun.	1:26	2:00	6:55	6:54
April 7:	Mon.	2:19	2:54	8:09	8:03
April 8:	Tues.	3:15	3:52	9:39	9:26
April 9:	Wed.	4:17	4:49	10:33	10:34
April 10:	Thurs.	5:15	5:41	11:14	11:27
April 11:	Fri.	6:04	6:26	11:51	. . .
April 12:	Sat.	6:45	7:06	12:12	12:28
April 13:	Sun.	7:24	7:44	12:55	1:04

Phases of the Moon

New Moon	March 30th
First Quarter	April 7th
Full Moon	April 15th
Last Quarter	April 22nd



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

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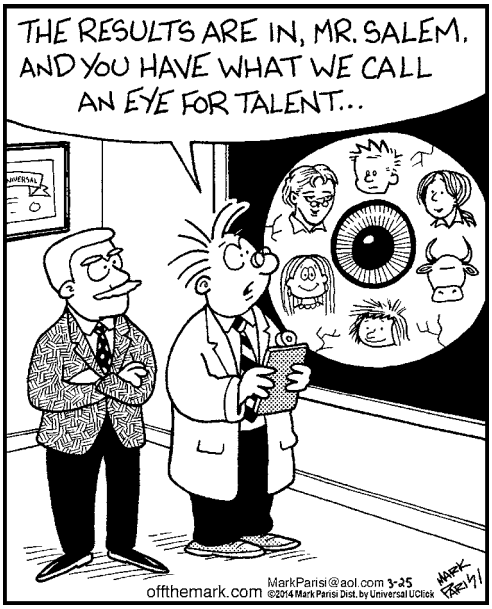
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